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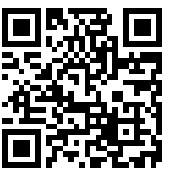

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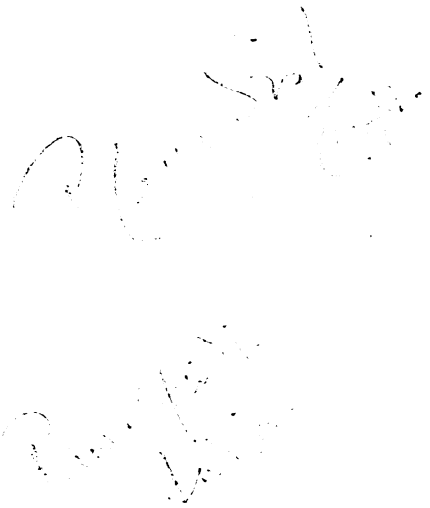

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I

THE 2ND BATTALION CENTENARY

I AM glad to be able to associate myself with the interesting account of the celebration of the Centenary of the 2nd Battalion of our Regiment which occurred last Christmas Day. I may remind our readers that the reason for its birth was a necessary increase to the Army in consequence of the threatening attitude towards Spain of France, the country which for years had been our constant enemy, but now is our firm ally.

The Battalion has had more than its fair share of service abroad, only thirty-three out of the hundred years having been spent on home service. I gather from an account of the early life of the Battalion, given in the 1922 *Annual*, that there is no record of why the young 95th, which replaced the old 95th on its becoming the Rifle Brigade, was styled "Derbyshire"; it certainly was not recruited there in the first instance, having been raised at Winchester, the bulk of the recruits coming from the Isle of Wight, and none from Derbyshire. However, the name was fortunate, for it established us as the Regiment of a county which produces a class of soldier second to none in peace or war.

It was thirty years before the Battalion was to receive its "Baptême de feu," and that was in the Crimea, where it started its career of undying distinction. Thence it took part, in Central India, in the Indian Mutiny. Its subsequent active service was in Egypt, 1882; Sikkim, 1888; Tirah, 1897–98; and the Great War, 1914–18. It remained a bachelor until 1881, and then entered into bonds of matrimony with the 45th Nottinghamshire Regiment. The circumstances attending the marriage and subsequent result were

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the reverse of those which are not uncommon when human beings enter into such a holy contract, for they began almost with antipathy, and glided into everlasting affection.

By this alliance the Battalion reaped a rich inheritance, for the 45th, "The Old Stubborns," were known to fame from many a hard-fought campaign, and already bore on their Colours sixteen Battle Honours, which were at once shared by the 95th.

I congratulate the Battalion on its hundredth birthday, and I congratulate myself on having spent nearly a quarter of that time in its ranks.

(Sd.) H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN,
General,
Col. of the Sherwood Foresters.

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II

A BATTLE-HONOUR CLAIM

By "The Editor"

. . . "The unconquered powers
Of Precedent and Custom interpose
Between a King and Virtue."

SHELLEY. *Queen Mab*, III.

THE Regiment cannot be said to have been especially fortunate in the claims in regard to recognition for past services which in recent years it has put forward.

In 1899 a request was forwarded by the 2nd Battalion, then quartered at Aden, that, in memory of the last occasion on which in a European War the Colours had been taken into action, when they had been carried, owing to the losses in officers, by two sergeants,* the Regiment might be accorded some special distinction such as that enjoyed by the sergeants of the Somersetshire Light Infantry, who wear their sashes over the same shoulder as do their officers. This request was forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief by General Lord Chelmsford, then Colonel of the Regiment, and was refused on the quaint grounds that as *both battalions* had not had occasion to do the same thing in the same battle, no special distinction could be accorded to the *Regiment!*

Again in 1921 the Colonel of the Regiment submitted to the War Office a request that the Battle Honour "Nive" might be accorded to the Regiment, in recognition of the fact that the 45th, now the 1st Battalion, was present at that battle during the War in the Peninsula, as is evidenced by the fact that when the Peninsular medal was granted in 1848 the Brigadier commanding their Brigade and, of the 45th

* At Inkerman the Colours of the 95th were carried throughout by Sergeants William McIntyre and John Gooding.

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Regiment, 13 Officers and 31 Other Ranks, survivors after 35 years of those then serving, had established their claims to the "Nive" clasp. This request was also turned down on the ground that the application "did not bring to light any fresh facts in connection with this battle."

From the correspondence which here follows it will be seen that our Colonel, together with those of two other Peninsular regiments chiefly concerned, has lately made another attempt—unfortunately unsuccessful—to obtain the dates "1808–1814" added to the Battle Honour "Peninsula," in recognition of the fact that the 1st Battalion (the 45th) is one of the few regiments now in existence which, landing in the Peninsula in 1808, never left it until the war ended in 1814.

We venture to express a hope that the matter will not be allowed to rest; may we quote the words of our great national dramatist and say:—

> "My Lord Melun, let this be copied out,
> And keep it safe for our remembrance:
> Return the Precedent to these lords again."
>
> *King John*, v. 2, 3.

Subject:

"Battle Honours."

"The Wilderness,

"Earley,

"Reading.

"*March 1st*, 1924.

"Sir,

"It will be within your knowledge that, of the battalions under command of Lt.-Genl. the Honble. Sir Arthur Wellesley, K.B., which landed at Mondigo Bay in August, 1808, three only, viz. the 1st Battalion of the 40th and 45th, and the 5th Battalion of the 60th Regts., served continuously through the Peninsular campaigns until the end of the war with France in April, 1814.

"It is suggested that this circumstance deserves some little special commemoration; and we, the undersigned Colonels of these regiments, request that you will be so good as to

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submit for the favourable consideration of the Army Council this letter, with the expression of our hope that in the case of the Prince of Wales' Volunteers, The Sherwood Foresters, and the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the dates '1808–1814' may be added to the word 'Peninsula' already borne upon their Colours and Appointments.

It is further requested that any further correspondence connected with the subject of this letter may be forwarded c/o Lt.-Colonel L. W. G. Butler, to this address.

"We have the honour to be,
"Sir,
"Your obedient servants,

"(sd.) A. SOLLY-FLOOD, Major-General,
Colonel of the P.O.W. Volunteers.

H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN, General,
Colonel, The Sherwood Foresters.

GRENFELL, Field-Marshal,
Senior Col.-Comdt. The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

"The Secretary,
War Office."

"20/Infantry/1666. (A.G. 10.)

"15*th March*, 1924.

"SIR,

"In reply to letter dated 1st March, 1924, from the Colonels of the P.O.W. Volunteers and the Sherwood Foresters and the Senior Colonel Comdt. of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, I am commanded by the Army Council to say that the suggestion to add the dates 1808–1814 to the Battle Honour 'Peninsula' has been submitted to them on a previous occasion.

"They have once more given most careful consideration to the representations now made on behalf of the Prince of Wales's Volunteers, The Sherwood Foresters, and the King's Royal Rifle Corps, but they feel that it would require stronger arguments than those adduced to justify any variation of the Battle Honour 'Peninsula' as originally awarded.

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" Variations of approved Battle Honours would open the door to so many controversies with possibly such far-reaching effect that the Council have decided that they cannot be considered.

" I am,
" Sir,
" Your obedient servant,
" (Sgd.) B. B. CUBITT.

" Lieut.-Colonel L. W. G. Butler,
" The Wilderness,
" Earley,
" Reading."

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III

1ST BATTALION NOTES

THE last, and probably the most crowded, year of our tour in the Aldershot Command is rapidly drawing to a close, as the move of the Battalion to Ballykinlar is ordered to take place on or about the 8th of January next.

Many of us will leave this Command with mixed feelings. From a professional and personal point of view Aldershot is undoubtedly a good station, whereas Ballykinlar is a very unknown quantity; and the rumours which reach us are not always reassuring. We still possess, however, the faculty of adapting ourselves to any conditions, and it is safe to say we shall be happy wherever we happen to be sent.

Space does not admit of a detailed review of the past year, so only outstanding incidents will be mentioned in these notes.

The revival of the Battalion Rifle Club has given a great fillip to Weapon Training. Two very successful Rifle Meetings were held, one on the Miniature Range, and one on the Open Range, details of which are given elsewhere. The Miniature Meeting was an innovation introduced for the first time, and so great was the interest taken in it that it is to be made an annual fixture. Needless to say, the shooting of the Battalion has been greatly improved.

"Badajoz Day" was celebrated on Sunday, 6th April. Fortunately it was a beautiful day, and many distinguished past and present officers, including Lt.-Gen. Sir Phillip Chetwode, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief of the Aldershot Command; Major-Gen. Sir E. P. Strickland, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 2nd Division; Major-Gen. B. Burnett-Hitchcock, C.B., D.S.O., Major-General i/c Administration, Aldershot Command; Colonel-Commandant W. H. Bartholomew, C.B.,

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C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th Infantry Brigade; and Brig.-Gen. J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., honoured us with their presence at the Trooping of the Regimental Colour.

Five guards of 30 files each were found by the Companies and Headquarter Wing; that of A Company, under Capt. J. A. M. Lang, O.B.E., providing the escort to the Colour. 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke carried the Colour.

The guards drilled splendidly, and enhanced the great reputation for drill which the Battalion has built up during its tour in the Aldershot Command.

The Sergeants' Annual Badajoz Ball was held in the Garrison Gymnasium on 7th April, and was, as usual, a great success.

During the visit to Aldershot of His Majesty the King in June the Battalion formed part of a force which carried out an attack for the purpose of demonstrating to His Majesty the use of smoke and the mechanical weapons which have been introduced into the Army since the War.

At the Royal Review held on Laffan's Plain on 10th June we marched past His Majesty, led by the Colonel of the Regiment.

Foot and mouth disease caused the cancellation of manœuvres in the New Forest area, so the period spent under canvas was, this year, abnormally short, in fact only 10 days, and that only 7 miles away from our barracks. Throughout the training season, however, everyone in the Battalion has worked hard to increase our efficiency, and the measure of success obtained is very gratifying.

Last trooping season we were only asked to supply a draft of 1 Officer, 2 Sergeants, 1 Corporal, and 30 Men for the 2nd Battalion, which duly sailed in the *City of Marseilles* on 30th October. 215 Recruits joined from the Depot since the last notes were written.

Athletics

Inter-Company Cross-Country Race

The Inter-Company Cross-Country Race was run on February 25th, and for the third year in succession resulted in an easy win for B Company. The course (5½ miles) was

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again a stiff one—laid as it was over the Chobham Ridges—and was completed by the winner in 28 minutes 6 seconds—good time, as the going was heavy and a fresh wind impeded the runners for over half the distance. Teams consisted of 20 per Company, and a total of 120 competitors started. The first six individuals and the first six of the winning team received prizes.

Individuals: 1st, Lce.-Corpl. Andrews, B Company; 2nd, Pte. Fairholme, A Company; 3rd, Pte. Mason, L. Flank, H.Q. Wing; 4th, Cpl. Staples, L. Flank, H.Q. Wing; 5th, Pte. Franks, A Company; 6th, Lce.-Corpl. Stone, D Company.

Team: Lce.-Corpl. Andrews 1st, Pte. Rigby 7th, Pte. Jukes 9th, Lce.-Corpl. Hallam 11th, Lce.-Corpl. Sims 12th, Lieut. C. A. Gamble 19th, Sergt. Everett 23rd.

Points: B Company, 1482; L. Flank, H.Q. Wing, 1192; R. Flank, H.Q. Wing, 1062; A Company, 1008; D Company, 1006; C Company, 607.

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INTER-COMPANY TUG-OF-WAR

There was a considerable improvement in this competition this year. Far more enthusiasm was shown, and the general standard of the teams makes us hopeful of producing a really good Regimental Team in the near future. The competition was again run on the "League" system and under A.A. and C.C.A. Rules—teams consisting of 10 men (catchweight) and a coach.

Left Flank, Headquarter Wing, under the leadership of 2nd Lieut. E. M. Bastyan, won the Shield without the loss of a single pull, while D Company, the holders, were runners-up.

Winning Team: Lce.-Sergt. Bailey, Lce.-Sergt. Linthwaite, Lce.-Corpl. Taylor, Lce.-Corpl. Wright, Pte. Bell, Pte. Cherry, Pte. Hyland, Pte. Pearce, Pte. Stapleton, Pte. Stringfellow.

INTER-COMPANY FULL MARCHING ORDER RACE

The event was held on August 15th, and was very keenly contested. Teams consisted of 1 N.C.O. and 6 Men, Companies entering as many teams as they wished. This year twenty-two teams entered, making a total of 154 competitors.

The course was laid from Dettingen Barracks, along the

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Chobham Ridges and back (three miles), and was completed by the winning team in 28 minutes 55 seconds, at an average speed of 6·8 miles per hour. Letter C Company's first team, having satisfied the judges that they were complete with all kit, etc., were declared the winners. They were very closely pressed by two teams drawn from Left Flank, Headquarter Wing (M.G. Platoon)—the holders of the Cup.

Winning Team: Corpl. Storrs (captain), Pte. Davis, Pte. Symons, Pte. Morris (91), Pte. Hinbitt, Pte. Fisher, Pte. Matthews.

INTER-COMPANY CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

Owing to Musketry and Field Training, it was found impossible to hold this race until September 8th. The course was the same as for 1923, about 3½ miles, and all conditions remained unaltered.

No. 9 Platoon of Letter C Company had a well-deserved and easy victory with the following team: Pte. Wood 3rd, Pte. Saville 8th, Pte. Davis 10th, Pte. Morris 16th, Pte. Heslop 38th, Pte. Bragg 50th.

REGIMENTAL ATHLETIC MEETING

Our Sports this year were most successful, for although on the first day, the 29th of August, the rain worried us not a little, yet the sky cleared on the Saturday, and over a thousand spectators gathered on the Garrison Ground. Among those present were Lt.-Gen. the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Shaw, K.C.B., Major-Gen. Sir E. P. Strickland, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., Colonel-Commandant W. H. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lt.-Col. J. H. Wybergh, Lt.-Col. C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., Major Victor Rhodes, Major R. T. Foster, D.S.O., and Lt.-Col. J. S. Wilkinson, D.S.O., M.C.

Features of the Meeting were the performance of 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, who won the "Victor Ludorum Cup" with four firsts, and the creation by Corpl. Staples of a new Regimental record for the three miles (flat). By the way, in the matter of Regimental records, we very much hope that the 2nd Battalion and the Depot will help us in recording any

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"A" Company, 1924

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good performances done by individuals. The records which we append hereto have been compiled from old copies of the Regimental Annuals and the *Old Stubborns' Magazine*, and we should be glad to hear of any better times, etc., which may have been made since 1914, particularly in events which we have not included in our programme since 1921.

But to continue, throughout Saturday afternoon the Band of our neighbours, the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment, played an excellent programme of music, which was much appreciated.

The meeting terminated at 5.45 p.m., exactly on the scheduled time, with the presentation of prizes by Sir Frederick Shaw, who, in a short speech, remarked on the state of physical fitness shown by all ranks, and said what pleasure it had given him to be able to present the prizes at the Sports of his old Regiment. Three cheers for Sir Frederick were then called for by the Commanding Officer, and the proceedings terminated with the Regimental Marches and "The King." Later in the evening, a most enjoyable dance was given by the members of the Sergeants' Mess.

The following were the results:—

100 *Yards* (56 entries): 1st, Sergt. Sinton, "L.F.," time 11 secs.; 2nd, Bdsmn. Mitchell, "R.F."; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Woodhall, "R.F."

¼ *Mile* (56 entries): 1st, Sergt. Sinton, "L.F.," time 58⅘ secs.; 2nd, Pte. Lawrence, "D"; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Woodhall, "R.F."

½ *Mile* (44 entries): 1st, Pte. Foster, "A," time 2 mins. 20 secs.; 2nd, Corpl. Staples, "L.F."; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Woodhall, "R.F."

1 *Mile* (60 entries. Open to the Aldershot Command): 1st, Pte. Golightly, Depot, R.A.M.C., time 4 mins. 50 secs.; 2nd, Pte. Peacey, 1st Gloucestershire Regiment; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Coxhead, 1st Devonshire Regiment. First three Regimental competitors were: 1st, Pte. Wilkinson, "A"; 2nd, Boy Turner, "R.F."; 3rd, Pte. Newton, "L.F."

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3 *Miles Flat* (65 entries): 1st, Corpl. Staples, "L.F.," time 16 mins. 52⅖ secs.; 2nd, Pte. Mason, "L.F."; 3rd, 2nd Lieut. S. O. Boyd, "B."

120 *Yards Hurdles* (30 entries): 1st, 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, "B," and 2nd Lieut. C. Cockburn, "D," dead heat, time 20⅘ secs.; 2nd, Bdsmn. Mitchell, "R.F."

High Jump (26 entries): 1st, 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, "B," height 4 ft. 10 in.; 2nd, Bdsmn. Mitchell, "R.F."; 3rd, Sergt. Harrison, "R.F."

Long Jump (34 entries): 1st, 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, "B," distance 18 ft. 2½ in.; 2nd, Sergt. Everett, "B"; 3rd, Bdsmn. Mitchell, "R.F."

Throwing the Cricket Ball (30 entries): 1st, 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, "B," distance 96 yds. 1 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, Corpl. Old, "L.F."; 3rd, Pte. Spalding, "B."

Putting the Weight (28 entries): 1st, Pte. O'Donnell, "C," distance 30 ft.; 2nd, Cpl. Hickling, "B"; 3rd, Bdsmn. Mitchell, "R.F."

Inter-Company Relay Race (relays 880, 440, 220, 220, 440, and 880 yds. Total 1¾ miles): *Winners:* Left Flank, H.Q. Wing. *Time:* 7 mins. 42⅕ secs. *Team:* Pte. Mason, Corpl. Old, Sergt. Blake, Lieut. C. H. A. Sturge, Sergt. Sinton, Corpl. Staples.

Winners of the "Wolley-Dod" Shield: Left Flank, H.Q. Wing, 186 points. Runners-up: Letter B Company, 149 points.

Other results were as under:—

Sack Race: 1st, Pte. Stevenson; 2nd, Pte. Rigby; 3rd, Lce.-Corpl. Paviour.

Mop Fighting: Winners: Dmr. White and Pte. Hockley.

Tilting the Bucket: Lce.-Corpl. Ransford and Pte. Hollingworth.

Pillow Fighting: 1st, Pte. Hibbert; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Ransford.

Band Race: 1st, Bdsmn. Raines, 1st Devons; 2nd, Bdsmn. Dangate, 1st Devons; 3rd, Bdsmn. Dunn, 1st Devons.

Ladies' Race: 1st, Mrs. Fielding; 2nd, Mrs. Slater; 3rd, Mrs. Watson.

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Enlisted Boys' Race (220 *Yards*): 1st, Boy Turner, time 27⅘ secs.; 2nd, Boy Clarke; 3rd, Boy Reynolds.

Children's Race (Boys): 1st, David Dumbell; 2nd, Billy Knights; 3rd, Sidney Mortimer. (Girls): 1st, Mary Marston; 2nd, Joan Dilkes; 3rd, Joan Smith.

Corporals' Race (220 *Yards*): 1st, Lce.-Corpl. Woodhall, time 26⅕ secs.; 2nd, Corpl. Old; 3rd, Corpl. Storrs.

Veterans' Handicap (220 *Yards*): 1st, Sergt. Marston; 2nd, C.S.M. Slater; 3rd, Sergt. Dowse.

Sergeants' Handicap (220 *Yards*): 1st, Sergt. Everett; 2nd, Sergt. Marston; 3rd, Sergt. Hiam.

(Sergeants' Challenge Cup won by Sergt. Everett.)

Officers' Handicap (220 *Yards*): 1st, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Wybergh; 2nd, Lieut.-Col. J. S. Wilkinson, D.S.O., M.C.; 3rd, Major E. L. Bowring, D.S.O., O.B.E.

REGIMENTAL RECORDS

100 *Yards*: 10⅖ secs., Sergt. Bastow (1st Bn.), Secunderabad, 1912.

¼ *Mile*: 55⅗ secs., Bdsmn. Coomber (1st Bn.), Secunderabad, 1911; Corpl. Stevenson (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

½ *Mile*: 2 mins. 3 secs., Lce.-Corpl. Jones (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

1 *Mile*: 4 mins. 40⅖ secs., Lce.-Corpl. Pearce (1st Bn.), Secunderabad, 1912.

3 *Miles* (*Flat*): 16 mins. 50⅖ secs., Corpl. Staples (1st Bn.), Blackdown, 1924.

High Jump: 5 ft. 4 in., Sergt. Felthouse (1st Bn.), Bangalore, 1908.

Long Jump: 18 ft. 7 in., Sergt. Felthouse (1st Bn.), Bangalore, 1909.

120 *Yards Hurdles*: 18 secs., Corpl. Stevenson (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 102 yds. 1 ft. 3 in., Sergt. Townsend (1st Bn.), Blackdown, 1923.

Putting the Weight: 31 ft. 8 in., Pte. Joyce (2nd Bn.), Plymouth, 1912.

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Boxing Notes

We began the Boxing Season last October by holding a Tournament in the Battalion with a Novices' Middle-weight and an Open Middle and Light Heavy-weight Competition. The fighting was very close, especially between Bradbury and Blohm in the semi-final of the Middle-weight Novices. In the final Corpl. Bradbury caused Lce.-Corpl. Hewgill to retire in the second round and thus won the weight. The results were as follows :—

Weight.	*Winners.*	*Runners-up.*
Fly . . .	Boy Barber.	Boy Richardson.
Bantam . .	Pte. Thorpe.	Boy Welch.
Feather . .	Pte. Davies.	Pte. McLocklin.
Light . .	Dmr. Jones.	Pte. Wilcockson.
Welter . .	Pte. Lane.	Lce.-Corpl. Jones.
Middle (Novices) .	Corpl. Bradbury.	Lce.-Corpl. Hewgill.
Middle (Open) .	Gnr. Chapman.	Lce.-Bdr. Coulson.
Light Heavy .	Lce.-Corpl. Hickling	Pte. Allsopp.

We entered a team for the Aldershot Command Novices' Boxing Championships, defeating the Devonshire Regiment and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

On the 14th December we met the Black Watch in the finals, and only lost by one fight.

At the beginning of this year we entered a team for the Army Inter-Unit Team Boxing.

The Devonshire Regiment scratched to us, and we then came across the Black Watch, who were ultimately the Command representatives. Although we had the same team as for the Novices' Competition, and they had two professional boxers, we only lost by 13 points against 17. A summary of the individual successes in our team events is given on pages 16 and 17, and shows by whom the bouts were gained.

Two points were earned by a win, one point by a good lose, and one by a walk over.

A team consisting of four boys and one reserve was entered for the Enlisted Boys Novices' Boxing Competition which was being held at the same time as the Competition for Officers and Other Ranks.

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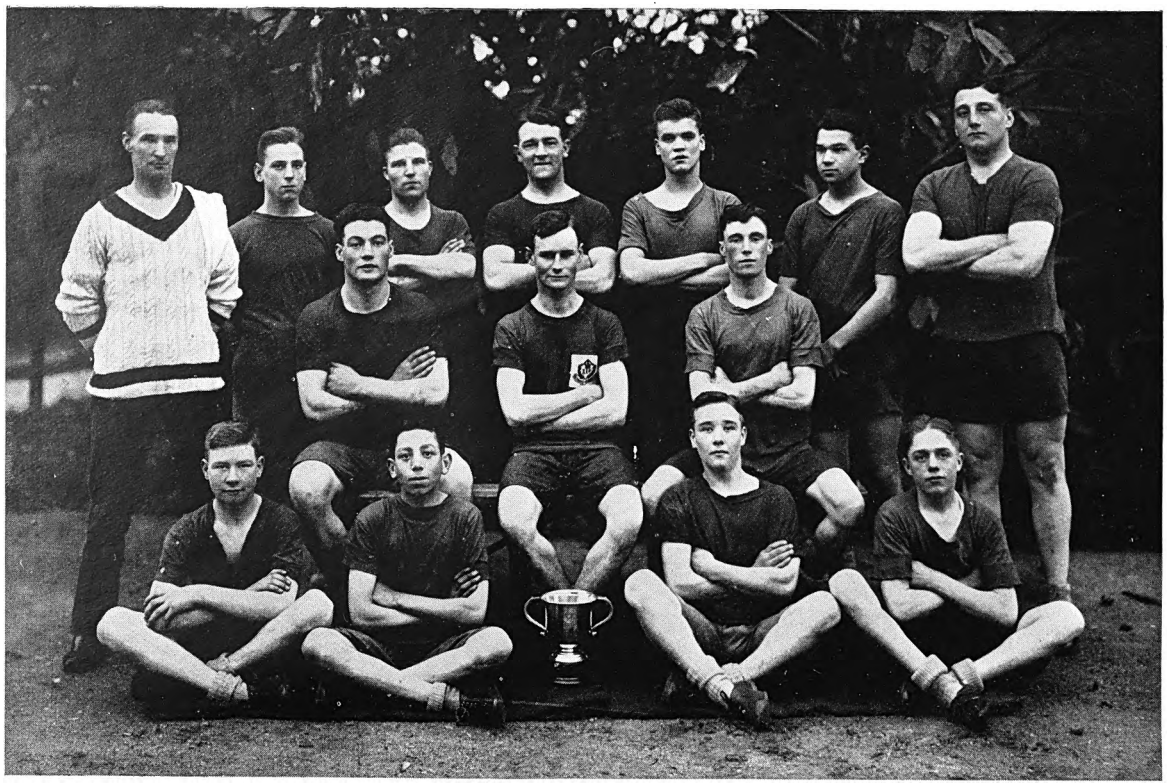

1st BATTALION BOXING TEAM

RUNNERS-UP IN THE ALDERSHOT COMMAND NOVICES TEAM COMPETITION, 1923–24

Sgt. SMITH, Boy UFTON, Cpl. JEFFERY, Cpl. HICKLING, Pte. LANE, Boy CLARKE, Pte. NAYLOR
Bdsmn. MITCHELL, 2nd Lieut. S. O. BOYD, Pte. McMAHON
Boy BARBER, Boy RICHARDSON, Boy REYNOLDS, Boy WILLIAMSON

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The Middlesex Regiment scratched to us on the 21st November, and we then met the Hampshire Regiment in the semi-finals at Bordon on December 4th.

Fly-weight	.	Boy Williamson knocked out in 1st round.
Bantam	.	Boy Richardson knocked out in 2nd round.
Feather	.	Boy Reynolds lost on points after a plucky fight.
Light	.	Boy Clarke lost on points by a small margin. (This was an exceptionally good fight.)
Reserve	.	Boy Ufton.

The Army Individual Amateur Championships, which took place on April 24th in the Maida Drill Hall, had its representative from the Battalion in a recruit from the Depot, Pte. Smith, who was sent down from the Depot slightly before his time so that he could take part in the Championships. Smith drew a bye in the first series, but in the second he encountered Trooper Fenn of the 12th Royal Lancers. The bout consisted chiefly of in-fighting as Fenn would not fight an open fight. In the same day Smith came up against Sergt. Haslam of the 2nd Battalion The Loyal Regiment. Haslam was the amateur Bantam-weight Champion, and a very clean fighter. The bout was very keenly contested, and it was the nearest thing that Smith did not win. Had he been as well trained as his opponent there would have been no doubt but that he would have won the contest.

Bdsmn. Mitchell drew a bye in the first series of the Light Heavy-weights, and in the second series was unfortunate enough to meet Driver Emblem of the Royal Corps of Signals. The fight was close, Emblem just winning, and being eventually runner-up in the weight to Bombardier Griffin.

Pte. Hainsworth entered as a Welter-weight and did not come up to expectations, being beaten by Guardsman A. Stanton of the Coldstream Guards in the first series.

On the afternoon of May 13th B Company held an Inter-Platoon Boxing Tournament, No. 6 Platoon winning the Tournament easily.

Winners were: Pte. Curtis, 6 Platoon; Pte. Jennings, 6 Platoon; Pte. Hallam, 7 Platoon; Lce.-Corpl. Townsend, 6 Platoon.

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Heavy.	Lieut. Coleman walk over.	Capt. Allen lost to 2nd Lieut. Clarke.	Capt. Allen lost to Lieut. Rennie.	No entry from the Regiment.

Other Ranks

Fly.	Boy Richardson lost to Pte. Wyatt.	Pte. Talbot beat Boy Barnes.	Pte. Talbot lost to Pte. Moore.	Pte. Talbot lost to Pte. Moore.
Bantam.	Pte. McMahon beat Pte. Selby.	Pte. McMahon beat Pte. Wells.	Pte. McMahon lost to Pte. Irons.	Pte. McMahon lost to Pte. Lawrence.

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Feather.	Pte. Glasspool lost to Pte. Blake.	Lce.-Sergt. Jeffrey lost to Sergt. Weston.	Lce.-Sergt. Jeffrey lost to Pte. McKelvie.	Corpl. Jeffrey lost to Pte. Wells.
Light.	Boy Clarke lost to Pte. Hunt.	Pte. Lane beat Lce.-Cpl. Churcher.	Pte. Lane beat Pte. Marshall.	Pte. Lane lost to Pte. Jose.
Welter.	Pte. Lane beat Corpl. Hardy.	Sergt. Bradbury beat Pte. Buckley.	Pte. Hainsworth beat Pte. McArthur.	Pte. Insley knocked out 3rd round.
Middle.	Pte. Hainsworth beat Pte. Wilson.	Pte. Hainsworth lost to Pte. Pithers.	Sergt. Bradbury beat Pte. McLeod.	Pte. Hainsworth beat Pte. Benvie.
Light Heavy.	Pte. Johnson beat Pte. Badcock.	Lce.-Corpl. Hickling beat Lce.-Corpl. Clifton.	Bdsmn. Mitchell beat Pte. Ryan.	Bdsmn. Mitchell beat Pte. McLeod.
Heavy.	Bdsmn. Mitchell, walk over.	Bdsmn. Mitchell beat Pte. Matthews.	Pte. Naylor lost to C.S.M. Docherty.	Pte. Naylor, walk over.
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INTER-COMPANY BOXING CUP

Tremendous enthusiasm was shown by the Novices who turned out on May 22nd, 23rd, and 26th, for the Company Cup, presented by Col. Wolley-Dod. Excellent boxing and closely contested fights were witnessed by some 500 spectators.

In the early stages, Pte. Jennings of B Company put up a remarkably plucky fight against an opponent who had great advantage both in height and reach. In the Light-weight, Ptes. Sparks and McLocklin, both of C Company, indulged in a hard-hitting bout, both believing in the theory that attack is the best form of defence. This was undoubtedly the pluckiest fight of the tournament.

Other thrills were provided in the same weight by Pte. Cheshire of B Company and Pte. Hilton of the Right Flank, H.Q. Wing. The fact that Hilton and Thurman both belonged to the same Company, and scored a number of points for the team, showed that a few determined men can do as well as many who are not so keen. On May 26th (semi-finals and finals) the competitors lived up to the boxing traditions of the Regiment. In the Bantams, Pte. Perry of the Left Flank beat Pte. Roulston of A Company, but lost to Pte. Marshall of B Company. In the Feather-weights Pte. Woods of C Company beat Dmr. Welch, Right Flank, after an extra round, and in the final beat Pte. Foster of A Company, who in turn only just beat Pte. Lowbridge, B Company.

Pte. Young of B Company knocked out Pte. Scally of the Left Flank in the Welter-weights with two straight blows, beating Pte. Hilton in the final on points. Ptes. Caffrey of D Company and Stapleton of Left Flank exhibited some fine boxing in the Middles, Stapleton winning by a small margin.

Lce.-Corpl. Hughes of C Company beat Lce.-Corpl. Hewgill of B Company in the Light Heavies. Hewgill put up a very plucky fight, being "floored" several times, but rising each time amidst tremendous applause. Major C. S. Crofton, on behalf of the Commanding Officer, presented the Cup to C Company (Capt. R. B. Tower, M.C.), also the handsome prizes to winners and runners-up. The Devonshire Regiment and Cameronians very kindly supplied the officials.

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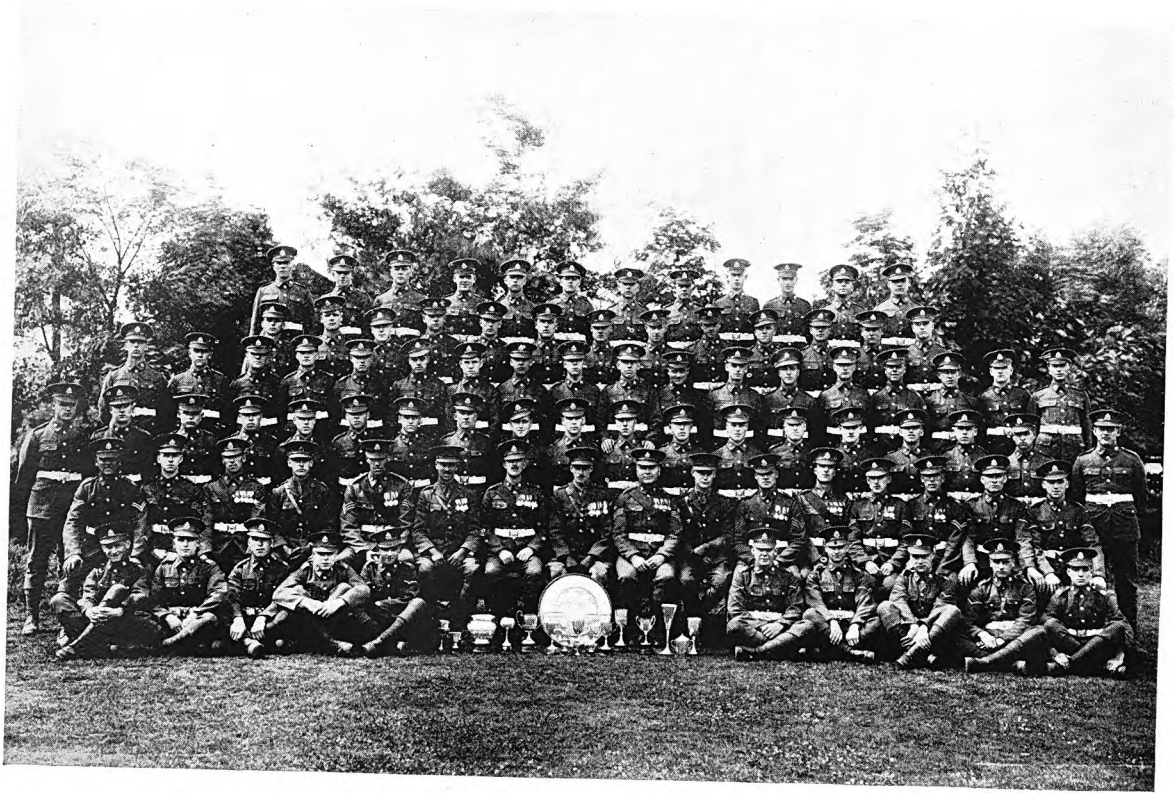

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FINAL POINTS AND PLACINGS

C Company	Capt. R. B. Tower, M.C.	83
B Company	Bt.-Major C. E. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.	41
D Company	Capt. J. D'a. Whicher	32
Right Flank	Lieut. R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C.	32
A Company	Capt. J. A. M. Lang, O.B.E.	24
Left Flank	Capt. H. L. B. Mills	24

Cricket

Owing to the continual clashing of fixtures with various forms of training, and the unkindness of the weather, our fixture list of 21 matches was so curtailed that only 12 were played. The results were as follows:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	Drawn.	Abandoned (rain).
12	4	4	1	1	2

We got through the first two rounds of the Command Inter-Unit Competition, but in the third round lost to the Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Battalion, Royal Engineers, who were by no means the best side we had come up against, and whom we ought to have beaten, even though several of our side were on leave. We have greatly missed the services of Capt. Allen, who was so invaluable last year, and then, towards the end of the season, Sergt. Townsend, who had just found his form, after being a little uncertain in the opening matches, also left us to go to the Depot. On his day he was easily our best batsman, and his last score of 91 against the East Surrey Regiment the day before he left was the result of a delightful innings which left us in no doubt as to his true capabilities.

2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke showed the greatest consistency, but generally made a mistake, which cost him his wicket, when we were beginning to have hopes of his making a big score.

Apart from a bad patch in the middle of the season, 2nd Lieut. E. M. Bastyan batted well, while Lieut. Gamble's

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quick-scoring methods rarely failed to liven up the game.

Pte. Massey of Letter B Company was our most successful bowler, and bowled very well all through the season. He was at times kept on for long stretches, but rarely lost his length, and bowled very few loose balls. Sergt. Hiam was also good, but was inclined to be erratic. He was hampered by a damaged ankle in one or two matches, and was unable to take his full run up to the wicket, which probably affected his average a little.

The most exciting match was against the Black Watch at Bordon, where both sides made the same number of runs. The Annual Inter-Company Competition for the Shield was to have been played off during August, but owing to a large party of Casuals being sent away to Longmoor for three weeks, and ten days' leave being granted to all ranks, this was found impracticable, and the Shield was not competed for. A good many Inter-Company friendly matches were played, however.

The annual Officers *v.* W.O.'s and Sergeants' Match was played on the Garrison Ground on July 2nd, and resulted in a win for the Officers by 5 wickets. The W.O.'s and Sergeants were entertained to luncheon and tea by the Officers, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

Scores :—

OFFICERS

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
2nd Lieut. Morris, c Stoton, b Hiam	1		
2nd Lieut. Clarke, b Hiam	21	c Townsend, b Sinton.	27
Major Hudson, b Hiam	15	b Hiam.....	26
Lieut. Coleman, b Hiam	0		
2nd Lieut. Bastyan, c Sinton, b Everett.....	0	c Bowling, b Sinton ..	7
Capt. Whicher, b Everett	13		
Lieut. Gamble, not out	37	b Townsend	5
Capt. Willcox, c Fox, b Hiam	14	run out	15
Capt. Robinson, run out	8	not out	10
Lieut. Hutchings, c Fox, b Hiam .	1		
2nd Lieut. Cockburn, b Hiam.....	0		
Extras	9	Extras	17
Total	119	Total (5 wkts. dec.)	107

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Warrant Officers and Sergeants

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Sergt. Nicklin, c Morris, b Gamble.	6	c Coleman, b Gamble.	9
Sergt. Everett, c Gamble, b Coleman	0	b Clarke	5
Sergt. Townsend, b Gamble	17	c Coleman, b Clarke ..	72
Sergt. Sinton, c Hutchings, b Coleman	0	c Coleman, b Clarke ..	2
Sergt. Hiam, c Hudson, b Gamble .	6	c Willcox, b Gamble .	2
Sergt. Bowling, c and b Coleman .	10	c Hutchings, b Clarke	0
Sergt. Harrison, c Gamble, b Coleman	2	not out	4
C.Q.M.S. Fox, b Coleman	0	b Clarke	1
Sergt. Stoton, b Coleman.....	0	b Gamble	0
C.Q.M.S. Dilkes, b Gamble	2	b Gamble	0
Sergt, Dowse, not out	11	c Cockburn, b Gamble	1
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total	57	Total	98

The following are the batting and bowling averages for Regimental matches only.

BATTING

Name.	No. of runs.	Highest score.	Times out.	Average.
Sergt. Townsend . .	202	91	8	25·3
Pte. Massey . . .	93	32*	7	13·3
2nd Lieut. Clarke . .	144	39	11	13·1
Lieut. Gamble . .	128	37	10	12·8
Pte. King . . .	50	19	4	12·5
Lieut. Coleman . .	93	51	8	11·6
2nd Lieut. Bastyan .	96	34	9	10·7

* Not out.

BOWLING

Name.	Runs scored.	Wickets.	Average.
Pte. Massey . .	319	36	8·8
Sergt. Hiam . .	286	27	10·6
Lieut. Coleman . .	98	9	10·9
Lieut. Gamble . .	251	22	11·4

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Rifle Meeting

Throughout the winter valuable use of the Miniature Range was made for voluntary shooting. A series of competitions were carried out from the beginning of October to the end of March. "Spoons" were awarded weekly to the winners of each of the three classes into which the Battalion was divided, according to Class Shot. Little more need be said about the success of the scheme, than that the range was filled from 5.30 to 7.30 each evening.

As a finale, a Battalion Miniature Rifle Meeting was held. The entries were so numerous that it was feared the time allotted would be insufficient, but so efficiently was it carried out, that a successful conclusion was reached without unnecessary haste. A feature of the Meeting was the Inter-Platoon Challenge Cup—the best Platoon in each Company to compete in the final. Eliminating shoots were carried out, and great difficulty was found in deciding the teams to compete in the final, but No. 2 Platoon, A Company (Sergt. Messom), eventually carried off the trophy. The Enlisted Boys' Competition was also very keen, the boys being very eager to win their first honour with a rifle. The final results were as follows :—

Individual Championship : Sergt. Fielding. Possible.
Officers : Lieut. F. W. Woodward, O.B.E.
W.O.'s and Sergeants : Sergt. Fielding, C Company.
Corporals : Lce.-Corpl. McCracken, D Company.
Privates : Pte. Emmerson, D Company.
Enlisted Boys' Match : Boy Barber, H.Q.
Inter-Platoon Challenge Cup : No. 2 Platoon, A Company (Sergt. Messom).

During the next two months the Companies fired their Annual Musketry Course, and at the conclusion the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on 30th and 31st May, No. 1 Range at Pirbright being utilized for this purpose. The conditions were ideal, and it was quite to be expected that the scores were better than those registered at the Rifle Meeting of the previous year. Both days were devoted entirely to the Rifle Meeting, and they proved none too much time to cope with

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the vast number of entries received. The preparation which had been made was adequately rewarded by the smooth manner in which the whole meeting progressed, every event being commenced at the scheduled time, which speaks volumes for the wonderful organization. Apart from the Championships, team matches were the chief items. A Lewis Gun Match proved very popular, and points out the importance of a similar match being included in all Rifle Meetings. Sergt. Messom's Platoon won the Inter-Platoon Challenge Cup, as it did in the Miniature Rifle Meeting, but only on a tie with No. 13 Platoon of D Company. The Dumbell Cup, awarded for the best score registered in the meeting, was won by Sergt. C. Fuller of C Company with a score of 53. The whole meeting was carried out without a hitch, a fact which Colonel-Commandant W. H. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th Infantry Brigade, commented upon when he so kindly presented the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

RESULTS

Officers' Challenge Cup : 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke . 48
(Coleman Cup)
W.O.'s and Sergeants' Challenge Cup : Sergt. C. Fuller, C Company 53
Corporals' Challenge Cup : Lce.-Corpl. Andrews, B Company 47
Privates' Challenge Cup : Pte. J. Bucklow, H.Q. . 44
Dumbell Cup, for best score in Ranks' Championship : Sergt. C. Fuller, C Company 53
Enlisted Boys' Challenge Cup : Bdsmn. E. Williamson.
Lewis Gun Pair : Ptes. Hawley and Smith, B Company.
Inter-Company Challenge Cup : C Company.
Markers' Match : Pte. Emery, H.Q.
Platoon Team Match : 1st, No. 2 Platoon, A Company (Sergt. Messom) . . 80
2nd, No. 13 Platoon, D Company (Lieut. S. Gregory) . . 80

After the Rifle Meeting, preparation was made for the Worcestershire Cup, a Lewis Gun Competition held under the A.R.A. at Bisley.

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Two pairs from the Battalion were sent to enter this competition, Sergts. Fuller and Parkes gaining 2nd prize, only being beaten by 1st Battalion Beds. and Herts. Regiment by two points. This was undoubtedly a great performance, considering the vast number of entries from all units of the Army. This was also the first occasion on which the Battalion had taken any active interest in this particular competition.

This year, the Battalion sent in several entries for the Aldershot Command Rifle Meeting. Great hopes were entertained that the Berdoe Wilkinson Lewis Gun Cup would be won by one of the two teams entered. In the Brigade eliminating rounds they had gained 1st and 2nd places rather easily, so that it was a great disappointment when they were beaten to 5th place. The scoring throughout was exceptionally high, no less than eight teams passing last year's winning score.

The Young Soldiers' Cup rather atoned for the Lewis Gun Cup, as the team representing the Battalion gained 2nd place.

A number of the non-central matches under the Army Rifle Association were entered, but if no prizes were won, the experience will prove very useful in future competitions.

Football

We entered a team for the Command Senior Competition, and finished up second at the close of the season, having had some very good matches.

The weather was often bad for play, there being some strong winds which made the control of the ball difficult. We also entered a team for the "Wright" Cup (for the benefit of the Camberley Hospitals), in which we drew a bye in the first round (semi-final), and unfortunately lost in the final by a small margin only. In this match a number of our regular players were away on leave, which weakened the team considerably.

In the Army Cup, 2nd round, we were drawn against the R.A.S.C., and met them on our own ground. Having played full time and the score being level, it was decided to play an extra quarter of an hour each way, but at the end of the extension, the score still being even, a replay was decided upon. We met them about a week later on their own ground,

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1st Battalion Team. Runners-up in the Worcestershire Cup Match
Sgt. Fuller, Sgt. Parkes

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where a really exciting match took place, and some excellent play was witnessed. At half-time the score was even. In the second half of the game the play was better still. A few minutes before time a penalty was given against us, and the R.A.S.C. scored from it. With only a few minutes to go we pressed them heavily, but were unable to get home, with the result that they won by the margin of one goal, in perhaps one of the best games that we played during the whole season.

We played, including friendly games, 15 matches; winning 9, drawing 2, and losing 4—altogether quite a successful season.

The following played for the Battalion during the season: Lieut. Hutchings, Lieut. Coleman, 2nd Lieut. Bastyan, C.S.M.I.M. Nicklin, Sergt. Townsend, Sergt. Everett, Lce.-Corpl. Watson, Lce.-Corpl. Paviour, Ptes. Costley, Stringfellow, Pettinger, Ashmore, Bond, and MacMahon, and Sergt. Cunningham.

Company Football

The Company Football Shield was played for on the League System, and everyone took the keenest interest in the matches. The winners were the Right Flank, Headquarter Wing (Lieut. R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C.). They lost one match, drew one, and won all the others (8).

The Annual Officers versus Sergeants Match provided a most exciting game, the Sergeants not getting it all their own way as in the previous year. They just succeeded in winning by three goals to two.

TRANSPORT

We have just finished another year of training in the Aldershot Command, and for a number of drivers on the transport it will probably be the last, for Ireland is to be our next station, to all intents and purposes.

During the last year we have again been hard at work, but notwithstanding fresh hands and fresh animals we have managed to maintain our old standard of efficiency. Our reports have all been good, and we entered the Aldershot Command Horse Show full of confidence, but we were not selected for honours—in spite of the hard work put in on the animals' harness and vehicles by the drivers and pioneers.

For this year's Manœuvres we were again augmented by

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drivers and animals from the Royal Artillery, and also by animals hired from civilian sources. When first we heard we were getting hired riders everybody's thoughts immediately turned to hunters, but when the hunters were paraded on the Barrack Square to be allotted to officers everyone was sadly disappointed. However, the hirelings possessed a certain amount of spirit, and Pte. Collins gave us a most excellent "Rodeo exhibition" on the Square.

Conditions on Manœuvres were a little better than last year. Of course we had the usual Manœuvre weather, but we were not so crowded, and were able to move the Horse Lines whenever the inevitable mud became too bad. March discipline and driving showed a great improvement on last year, the drivers and grooms being specially mentioned and congratulated by the Commanding Officer in his concluding lecture.

Before closing I should like to say how sorry we all were to lose Pte. Harrison, who died from pleurisy. He was a great favourite amongst his comrades on the transport, and would do anything for his animals, to which he was greatly attached.

Hockey

Although our scheme to play no members of the Football Team in the Hockey XI considerably weakened the side, we had quite a successful season. In the League Games, in order to put out the best eleven, we included the footballers. However, during the coming season, we shall endeavour to coach some of the "new blood," and build up a good side. We played 21 matches; won 11, drew 1, and lost 9; scoring 81 goals against 60. The chief goal-getters were: 2nd Lieut. Bleck 19, Lieut. Gamble 15, Sergt. Sinton 11, Pte. Jackson 9, 2nd Lieut. Morris 8, and Sergt. Everett 6.

The Group Competition was won by the Devons, who beat us in the final by 4 goals to 2. They were the better team, and only Pte. Allison in goal saved us from a heavier defeat. The Inter-Company Shield was won by Left Flank, H.Q. Wing, who beat the Right Flank by 1 goal to nil. Capt. Mills, for the winners, played a great game as outside right, and was responsible for many good centres. The following played in the Battalion team during the season: Major Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., Capt. Allen, Lieut. Gamble,

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Lieut. Coleman, 2nd Lieut. Morris, 2nd Lieut. Bleck, 2nd Lieut. White, 2nd Lieut. Proctor, and Lieut. Sturge; Sergts. Marston, Townsend, Dowse, Nicklin, Blake, Everett, and Sinton; Bdsmn. Tullett and Phillips; Dmr. Stansbie; Ptes. Allison, Jackson, O'Donnell, Height, and Stafford.

We hope to have the services of Mr. C. B. Fairbanks, who captained Oxford University's unbeaten XI last year, and played outside left. He also played in the International Trial. He may be gazetted to us in November.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE SERVING WITH THE 1ST BATTALION ON 31ST OCTOBER, 1924

Lt.-Col. K. C. Weldon, D.S.O. Commanding.
Major E. L. Bowring, D.S.O., O.B.E. Second-in-command.
,, C. S. Crofton. O.C. H.Q. Wing.
Capt. J. A. M. Lang, O.B.E. O.C. A Company.
Bt.-Major R. B. Young. A Company.
Capt. R. B. Tower, M.C. O.C. C Company.
,, H. B. D. Willcox, D.S.O., M.C. Adjutant.
,, H. L. B. Mills. O.C. M.G. Platoon.
,, J. D'a. Whicher. O.C. D Company.
Bt.-Major C. E. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C. O.C. B Company.
Capt. H. Carter. A Company.
,, W. M. Robinson. C Company.
Lieut. R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C. Signal Officer.
,, C. A. Gamble. B Company.
,, F. W. Woodward, O.B.E. C Company.
,, C. H. A. Sturge. M.G. Platoon.
,, R. H. Wathes. D Company.
,, S. Gregory. D Company.
,, H. F. Coleman. A Company.
2nd Lieut. A. de B. Morris. C Company.
,, S. O. Boyd. B Company.
,, E. M. Bastyan. M.G. Platoon.
,, R. E. Tufnell. A Company.
,, C. Cockburn. D Company.
,, R. H. N. Clarke. B Company.
,, R. T. K. Pye. A Company.
,, J. B. P. Sadler. C Company.
Capt. C. F. Dryden. Quartermaster.

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Changes, Promotions, Etc.

OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. J. H. Wybergh to Half-Pay List, 11.1.1924. Lt.-Col. K. C. Weldon, D.S.O., to Command, 11.1.1924. Major C. D. Harvey, D.S.O., retired, 26.1.1924, as Lt.-Col. Major E. L. Bowring, D.S.O., O.B.E., from D.P.M. on the Rhine, 26.4.1924. Capt. J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C., to 8th (T.A.) Battalion as Adjutant, 1.11.1923. Capt. C. S. Crofton promoted Major, 11.1.1924. Capt. B. G. Allen to the Regimental Depot, 1.3.1924. Capt. J. D'a. Whicher from the Depot, 1.3.1924. Capt. W. M. Robinson from the Depot, 31.5.1924. Bt.-Major R. B. Young from Staff Appt. in China, 23.6.1924. Capt. H. Carter from East Africa, 21.10.1924. Lieut. R. F. Bernal to the 2nd Battalion, 30.10.1923. 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck to the 2nd Battalion, 4.1.1924. 2nd Lieut. N. H. Thompson to the 2nd Battalion, 17.1.1924. 2nd Lieut. R. M. Ingall to the 2nd Battalion, 17.1.1924. 2nd Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke joined on 1st Appointment, 1.3.1924. 2nd Lieut. R. T. K. Pye joined on 1st Appointment, 30.9.1924. 2nd Lieut. J. B. P. Sadler joined on 1st Appointment, 30.9.1924. Lieut. R. H. Wathes from the Royal Air Force, 6.9.1924.

WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Promotions: To C.S.M., Maddock, Pain, Slater, Nicklin. *To Sergt.*, Piper, Messom, Kilminster, Parkes, Tippett, Chambers, Eyre, Everett, Bristow. *To Corpl.*, Mawer, Old, Clarke, Mawby, Storrs, Wass, Herrington, Linthwaite, Meaden, Eldred, Hickling, Howitt, Allen, Hurst, Hales, Pinkney, Smith, McCracken, Hickman, Beech, Hewgill, Horne, Ransford.

Changes: From Depot, Sergts. Stoton, Chambers, Rose, and Drury; Corpls. Moseley, Ecob, Reeve, Mansfield, Allcock, Clarke, Storrs, Bailey, and Seston. *To T.F.*, C.S.M. Gibson, Sergt. Slade, Sergt. Cunningham, Sergt. Forrester. *From T.F.*, Sergt. Fuller. *To 2nd Battn.*, C.Q.M.S. Richards, Sergts. Dunkerley and Conduit, Corpl. Wagstaff. *From 2nd Battn.*, Sergt. Webb, Corpl. Oakes. *To Depot*, C.S.M.

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McCormack, Sergt. Townsend, Lce.-Sergts. Bowling and Irwin, Corpls. Wade, Bond, Oakes, Meaden, and Hurst.

CERTIFICATES OBTAINED DURING PAST YEAR

Small Arms School, Hythe: Lieut. S. Gregory, C.S.M. McCormack (Distinguished), C.S.M. Pain, C.S.M.I.M. Nicklin (Distinguished), Sergt. Beanland, Sergt. Parkes (Distinguished), Sergt. Chambers, Lce.-Sergt. Lee.

Machine Gun School, Netheravon: 2nd Lieut. E. M. Bastyan (Distinguished), Sergt. Kilminster, Lce.-Sergt. Linthwaite, Lce.-Sergt. Staples, Corpl. Old.

School of Education, Shorncliffe: Lce.-Sergt. Irwin and Corpl. Hales.

Saddlery, Woolwich: Lce.-Corpl. Benson.

Carpentry, Woolwich: Ptes. Charlton and Insley.

Refereeing, Aldershot (Boxing): 2nd Lieut. S. O. Boyd.

Farriery, Aldershot: Pte. Downing.

Animal Management, Aldershot: Lce.-Sergt. Doyle.

Q.M.S. Course, Chisledon: Sergt. Cunningham.

Sanitary, Aldershot: Pte. Jackson.

Physical Training, Aldershot: 2nd Lieut. S. O. Boyd.

Company Cooks, Chisledon: Pte. Ashmore (Excellent).

1st Class Certificates of Education: C.S.M. Pain, C.S.M. Slater, C.Q.M.S. Knights, Sergt. Jenks, Sergt. Blake, Sergt. Fielding, Arm.-S/Sergt. McGeevor, R.A.O.C.

BIRTHS

Corpl. Lumley, a daughter, Joyce; Pte. O'Donnell, a son, Francis John; Sergt. Bradley, a son, Vivian Edwin; C.S.M.I.M. Nicklin, a son, Geoffrey William; Corpl. Moseley, a son, Dennis Charles; Lce.-Corpl. Ward, a daughter, Kathleen Patricia; Pte. Barry, a son, Derrick.

MARRIAGES

Lce.-Corpl. Ward to Miss Flanagan; Sergt. Smith (8th Battalion) to Miss Miles; Dmr. Pettinger to Miss Warren;

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Pte. Stringfellow to Miss Bailey ; Corpl. Beech to Miss Guirdham ; Sergt. Bradley to Miss Rayson ; Pte. Jeffrey to Miss Dabell ; Pte. Hibbett to Miss Percy ; Lce.-Corpl. Cartwright to Miss Duflos ; Pte. Redmile to Miss Mullinger.

DEATHS

No. 4965280 Pte. W. Harrison, died in Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, on 6.11.1923, from pleurisy.

No. 4966334 Pte. R. J. Castledine, died in Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, on 13.12.1923, from tuberculosis of the lungs.

No. 4961499 C.S.M. G. Fitzjohn, M.M., 8th Battalion, died at Worksop on 20.12.1923, from acute phthisis.

Sheila, daughter of No. 4961620 Sergt. D. Cunningham, M.M., died in the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, on 20.2.1924, from pneumonia.

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2ND BATTALION NOTES

SINCE the compilation of last year's notes there seems very little of interest to write about now that we are no longer on "Active Service," as was the case when serving in Egypt and Turkey from September, 1919, to October, 1922. However, there are two items of particular interest that must not go unrecorded, the first being the festivities which were held to celebrate the Centenary of the Battalion, and the second, the presentation of a ram to the Battalion by His Highness Maharao Sir Umed Singh Bahadur, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Maharao of Kotah.

December, 1923, was Centenary month for the Battalion and was celebrated whilst the Battalion was stationed at West Ridge, Rawalpindi.

On December 1st, 1823, the order for the formation of the 95th Foot was gazetted on the 23rd of the same month.

The hundred years that have since passed have left the 95th Foot a very proud Battalion.

It was fitting that the Centenary should be celebrated with appropriate festivities. These were arranged in the Christmastide week break in our Cold Weather Training Season. They centred round the ceremony of Trooping the Colours, held on the Parade Ground on 22nd December. The Battalion paraded at full strength in Review Order under Brevet-Lt.-Col. R. S. Hart, D.S.O. D Company, under the command of Capt. J. E. Wright, furnished the escort to the Colours, Lieut. R. E. H. Stott carrying the King's Colour, and 2nd Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham the Regimental Colour.

Before the "Troop," Col. Hart, addressing the Battalion, said: "The Commanding Officer wishes me to express his great regret at being unable to be present to-day, and has

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asked me to say a few words on his behalf. It will be a hundred years to-morrow since the 95th Derbyshire Regiment first saw the light of day. Since the formation of the Regiment, it has seen active service in the Crimea, Indian Mutiny, Egypt, Sikkim, Tirah, and the Great War. The splendid reputation of the Regiment built up by years of devoted service in all parts of the globe, has been handed down to us for safe keeping, and it is the duty of all of us, from the Commanding Officer down to the last joined Band Boy, to see that we do not misplace that trust, which is only in our safe keeping for a few short years. Generations of soldiers have passed through the Regiment since its formation, but the same soldierly spirit has always been kept running throughout. During peace you have ample opportunity of showing your metal. A smart turn-out and soldierly bearing in all that you undertake, will do much to keep alive the good name that we have inherited. We have collected here to-day to do honour to our Colours and all that they imply in our duty to our King and our Country. Our generation will pass away, but the same spirit that has made the name of The Sherwood Foresters respected wherever they have been, will always continue with those Colours—the Colours that have emblazoned on them the engagements in which many thousands of the Battalion have gladly laid down their lives."

The "Troop" was then carried out very impressively.

This Saturday parade was preceded by two days' holiday. They were taken up by a most successful Athletic Meeting, at which we were given some very highly creditable performances. These sports are dealt with more fully under "Athletic Notes."

A Centenary Ball was also held on 22nd December and was well attended by all ranks, dancing being carried on until the wee sma' hours.

On account of "Derby XIII," the Battalion Mascot, becoming enfeebled through contracting some sort of disease in the legs and unable to march with the Battalion, it was decided to approach the Maharao of Kotah to present the Battalion with a ram to replace him.

Gen. Sir Wm. Birdwood, Bart, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I.,

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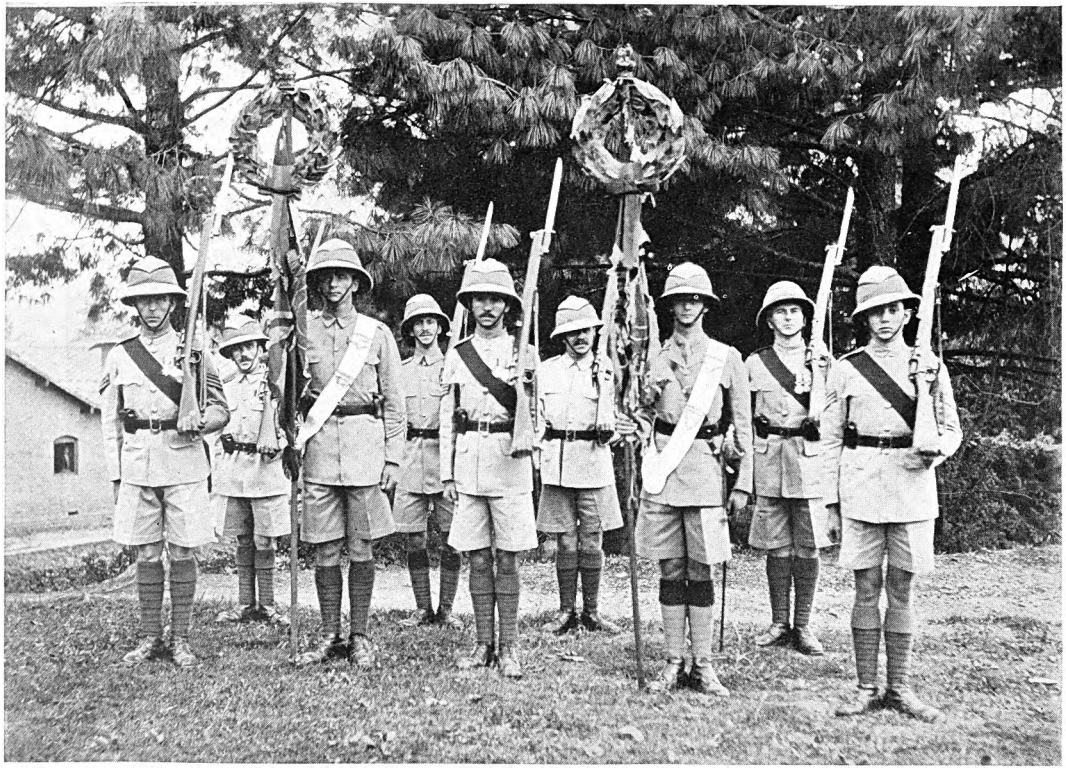

COLOUR PARTY—ALMA DAY

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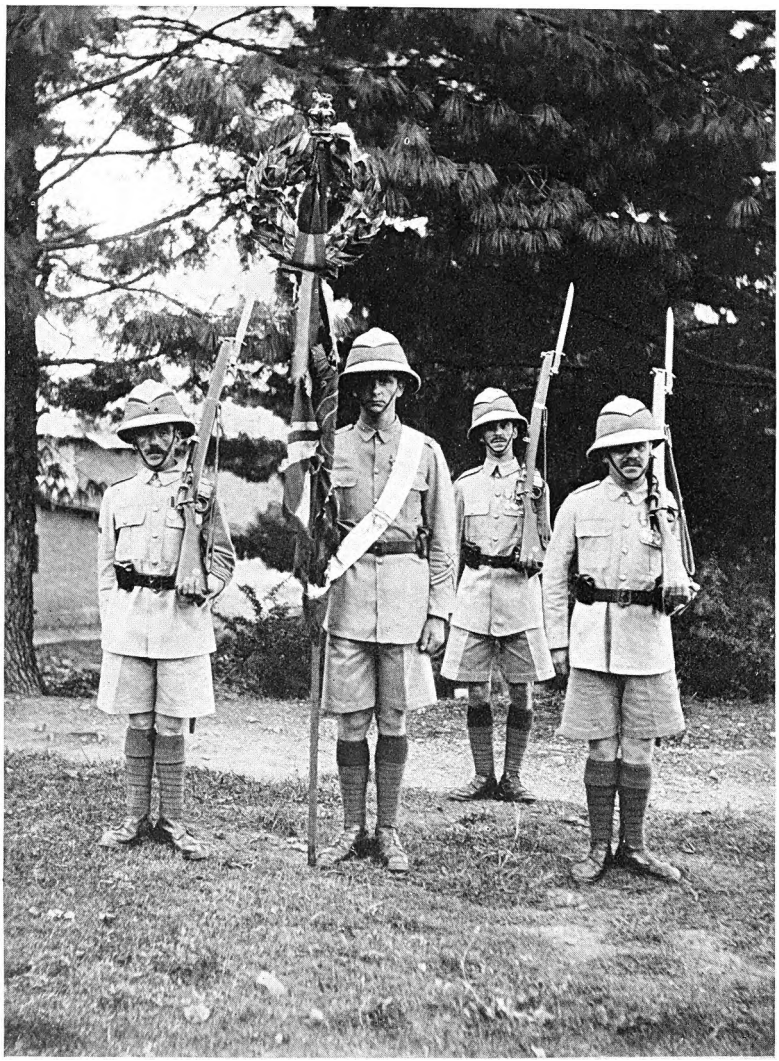

FOUR PRIVATES WITH COLOUR
2ND BATTALION

Pte. BIGGS, Pte. HALLOWS (Colour), Pte. SMITH, Pte. NEWBORN

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C.I.E., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command, kindly consented to write to the Maharao, and a reply was received to the effect that His Highness would have much pleasure in presenting a ram to the Battalion.

The ram duly arrived on the 21st June, 1924, and proved to be a handsome young one, and in time will grow into a fine animal.

As must be known by all who are interested in the history of the 95th, a ram, which was afterwards accepted as the Battalion Mascot and designated "Derby I," was captured at the siege and assault of Kotah on the 30th March, 1858. This ram marched 3000 miles with the 95th across Central India, fought 33 battles with other rams and was never conquered.

"Derby" was decorated, together with 750 Officers and Men of the 95th, with the Mutiny Medal and 1 Clasp for Central India on a full dress parade at Poona in 1863 by Sir William Mansfield, C.-in-C., Bombay. His end was sad, for, while the Headquarters was at Hyderabad, Sind, in 1863, he was found drowned down a well; it is presumed that he jumped the low 2-foot wall thinking he was going into another compound.

The Battalion is now stationed at Gharial, in the Murree Hills, 7000 feet above sea level, dodging the heat, mosquitoes, and flies of the Plains of 'Pindi. There is a good flat piece of grass ground at this station called the "Flats," and we have, up to the present, taken full advantage of it by commencing an Inter-Platoon Football League.

The games have, so far, been very keenly fought out, and it will be a wise prophet that dares, at the present, to predict the eventual winners of the Cup that has been put up for this competition.

The ground also offers facilities for polo, hockey, and cricket, and we have not been slow to avail ourselves of getting plenty of practice in these forms of sport. It is hoped that with the practice we are now getting, we shall be able to turn out thoroughly representative teams in all sports on our arrival on the Plains for the Cold Weather Season.

On 31st May, the Battalion ran a highly successful Race Meeting on the Flats. The proceeds, after all expenses had

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been met, amounting to over £12, were handed over to the Flats Fund for improvements to be made to the ground, etc.

The winners of the various races are as appended :—

The Topa Cup (open to all soldiers below the rank of Sergeant) : 1st, Pte. Jessop, Foresters ; 2nd, Pte. Beck, Foresters.

The Crown and Stripes Stakes (open to W.O.'s and Sergeants): 1st, Sergt. Newbury, Foresters ; 2nd, Sergt. Bogue, Royal Corps of Signals.

The Kutcha Stakes (Mule Race for Indian Other Ranks) : 1st, Hukui Singh, attached 1st K.R.R. Corps ; 2nd, Nutta Singh, attached 1st K.R.R. Corps.

The Thrusters' Cup Handicap (open to Officers) : 1st, 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck, Foresters ; 2nd, 2nd Lieut. C. H. Cousens, Foresters.

The Fairy Scurry (*Ball and Bucket Race*) *:* 1st, Mrs. Wylie ; 2nd, Mrs. Cavendish.

Kuldana Cup (open to all soldiers below the rank of Sergeant) : 1st, Pte. Langrish, Royal Corps of Signals ; 2nd, Pte. Castledine, Foresters.

The Gharial Derby (open to all) : 1st, 2nd Lieut. C. H. Cousens, Foresters ; 2nd, 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck, Foresters.

The Transport Cup (Mule Race for British Other Ranks) : 1st, Lce.-Corpl. Keetley, Foresters ; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Jones, Foresters.

The Band of the Battalion supplied the music during the afternoon, which was highly appreciated. It was universally voted by all present that the afternoon had been a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Promotions, Changes, Etc.

OFFICERS

To be Captains : Lieuts. J. W. Turner, M.C., N. A. McD. Walker, and R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C.

The following joined the Battalion on dates stated : Lieut. and Q.M. C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M., and Lieut. R. F. Bernal, 21.11.23 ; 2nd Lieut. E. G. B. Proctor, 11.12.23 ; 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck, 29.1.24 ; 2nd Lieut. R. M. Ingall and

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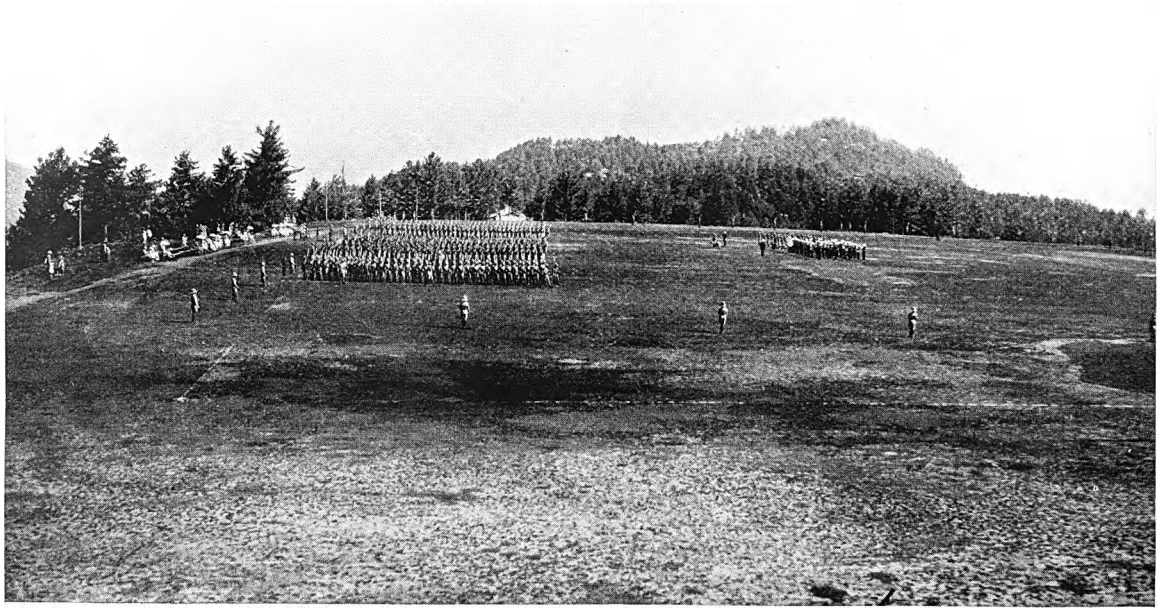

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2nd Lieut. N. H. Thompson, 13.2.24; 2nd Lieut. C. H. Cousens, 16.3.24.

The following have proceeded to the Regimental Depot for tour of duty: Lieut. W. M. Robinson, 17.12.23 (since promoted to Captain and posted to 1st Battalion); Lieut. C. R. T. Wilmot, 3.5.24.

The undermentioned have proceeded to the United Kingdom for 8 months' leave: Major R. T. Foster, D.S.O., Capts. W. A. Ebsworth, W. A. Platt, J. E. Wright, and Lieut. R. E. H. Stott. Lieut. H. W. H. Houghton for 6½ months on medical grounds.

OTHER RANKS

R.S.M. R. Jones, D.C.M., posted to Battalion from 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, vice Hobbs to discharge.

Bandmaster E. A. Harvey posted to Battalion from Kneller Hall, vice Rees to discharge.

Promotions: To Sergts., Lce.-Sergts. C. Edermaniger, C. White, G. Hage, B. Clarke, J. Delmore, and J. Haigh. *To Lce.-Sergts.*, Corpls. H. Brown, T. Johnson, J. Slack, J. Froggatt, G. Wagstaffe, and W. Pickard. *To Corpls.*, Lce.-Corpls. S. Taylor, J. Stevenson, F. Davenport, H. Bailey, P. Carter, L. Harrison, A. Moseley, J. Rollin, M. Heaver, and C. Snape.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS

C.S.M. C. George and Pte. A. Biggs.

BIRTHS

Sergt. (O.R.C.) E. Lound, M.M., a daughter, 6.12.23; Sergt. W. Palmer, a son, 27.12.23; Pte. G. Gill, a daughter, 12.1.24; Lce.-Sergt. H. J. Brown, a son, 2.3.24; Sergt. A. Newbury, a daughter, 22.3.24; C.S.M. A. Unwin, a daughter, 21.5.24; Pte. T. Smith, a son, 8.5.24; Pte. G. Smith, a daughter, 24.3.24.

DEATHS

Boy A. Sanders, from dysentery, 21.11.23; Lce.-Sergt. L. Wagstaffe, from abscess, 24.12.23; Pte. J. Farmer, from mastoid abscess, 18.1.24; Emily Elizabeth, daughter of R.Q.M.S. W. Noble, from malaria, 19.4.24.

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PASSED COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Lce.-Corpl. G. Jones, Education, 5.4.24 ; Corpl. L. Harrison, Physical Training, 22.12.23 ; Sergt. C. Edermaniger, Musketry, 8.12.23 ; Corpl. P. Carter, Machine Gun, 5.8.23 ; Corpl. W. Pickard, Signalling, June, 1923 ; Lce.-Corpl. A. Woodward, Signalling, 14.4.24.

WEDDING

A very happy event that must not go unrecorded took place on the 20th December, 1923, in the marriage of Capt. R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., the very popular commander of the Headquarter Wing, to Miss Helen Bouchier, who had come out from England for the auspicious occasion.

The best man was Capt. G. M. Gamble, and the officiating clergyman the Rev. L. Manifold Gorrie, M.C.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was packed with Officers, their wives, and W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s, and Men and their wives, which spoke volumes for the popularity of this Officer. A spice of colour was given to the decorations and the assembly by some of the Officers appearing in their pre-war uniforms of scarlet and blue.

The service was fully choral, the choir, under the direction of Mr. E. A. Harvey, being present.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the happy couple left to the strains of the " Wedding March " from Lohengrin.

No petrol or starting-crank was required for the car that was to take the happy couple away, as willing hands of N.C.O.'s and Men from the Headquarter Wing soon had drag-ropes fixed and hauled them away to the house of Capt. and Mrs. J. P. Wylie, where the reception was held.

The presents, which were numerous, were laid out and were greatly admired by all who saw them.

After the toast had been enthusiastically drunk, the couple left for Mandra, for their honeymoon, in a very suitably decorated motor-car, with the usual inscription on the back for the information of all and sundry.

We take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck and happiness.

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CRICKET, 1923–24

Matches played 14 ; won 12, lost 2, drawn 0.

The Battalion returned to Rawalpindi from the Hills in the middle of October, 1923. A big fixture list was arranged for the Cricket XI, which was expected to do well, as several good bats had joined the Battalion since last year. The first game was against the R.A.M.C., Rawalpindi, last year's winners of the Jamasjee Cup. In a low-scoring game we beat our opponents, the totals being 143 and 119 respectively. Bdsmn. Baker hit up a very useful 36, and captured 6 wickets for 50 runs.

Our next two matches were against an Indian XI raised from the district. These two games were our only losses in the season, and one must put it down to the fact that the opposing eleven included four Quadrangular players, two of whom proved too good for such players as Rhodes and Kilner during their last visit to India in 1922.

The Battalion had again entered for the Jamasjee Cup, which is described under a special heading.

Among our many victims were included the following: C.M.A., 52nd Light Infantry (twice), R.A.M.C., Rawalpindi (twice), Rawalpindi Club, and Jaggannaths XI.

The 52nd Light Infantry, who defeated us last year, suffered a very severe defeat. Winning the toss, the Battalion started with Lieut. Coxon and Lieut. Stott. These two so thoroughly mastered the bowling that 233 runs were registered before Lieut. Coxon was caught. At this stage we declared. The 52nd Light Infantry could only reply with 102 and 51, Capt. Walker taking 6 wickets for 38 runs and 3 wickets for 8 runs, while Pte. Stringfellow took 4 wickets for 10 runs.

Throughout the season great keenness was shown, and one may safely state that the standard of the Battalion cricket has never been higher. The batting was consistent, the bowling steady, and the fielding, though bad at times, was frequently exceptionally good.

Our biggest find was 2nd Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham, who joined us in April last year. Lieut. R. K. Anderson, attached to us from the Australian Army, helped us on many occasions.

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Great deeds are expected of 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck and 2nd Lieut. C. H. Cousens next year, the former being a sound bat, while the latter is a good fast bowler. Lieut. E. A. Coxon has shown the biggest improvement in last year's eleven. Capt. N. A. McD. Walker was consistent throughout the season. Capt. R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., kept his end up several times when it was necessary. Bdsmn. C. Baker and Pte. G. Marks have both saved the side on different occasions, and both bowl well. They will eventually be our best all-round players. Pte. Stringfellow has improved a great deal. He is essentially a bowler, but has proved that he can hit up runs in a very short time.

A compliment was paid to the Battalion when Capt. Walker and Lieut. Coxon were asked to play for the Europeans in the Quadrangular Tournament. Unfortunately they had to play on turf for the first time after five years and did not come off, though Lieut. Coxon in the first innings against the Hindus knocked up a most useful 37.

JAMASJEE CUP

This Tournament is open to three districts, Lahore, Peshawar, and Rawalpindi. We eventually won the Cup, but each game was very evenly contested.

The following is a summary :—

1st Round : Bye.

2nd Round : versus R.A.M.C., Rawalpindi (last year's winners). R.A.M.C., 195 and 100 (Bdsmn. Baker, 4 wickets for 55 runs, and Capt. Walker, 3 wickets for 18 runs). Foresters, 265 (2nd Lieut. Yeldham, 100 not out ; Bdsmn. Baker, 41) and 31 for 2 wickets. Won by 8 wickets.

3rd Round : versus Indian Army Service Corps. I.A.S.C., 281 and 180 (Pte. Marks, 4 wickets for 35 runs ; Capt. Walker, 5 wickets for 72 runs). Foresters, 297 (Capt. Walker, 93 ; 2nd Lieut. Yeldham, 69) and 167 for 2 wickets (Lieut. Coxon, 114 not out). Won by 8 wickets.

Final.—4th Round : versus R.A.M.C., Lahore. R.A.M.C., Lahore, 262 (Capt. Walker, 6 wickets for 83 runs) and 154 (Capt. Walker, 5 wickets for 74 runs). Foresters, 239 (Capt. Walker, 103 ; 2nd Lieut. Yeldham, 50) and 178 for

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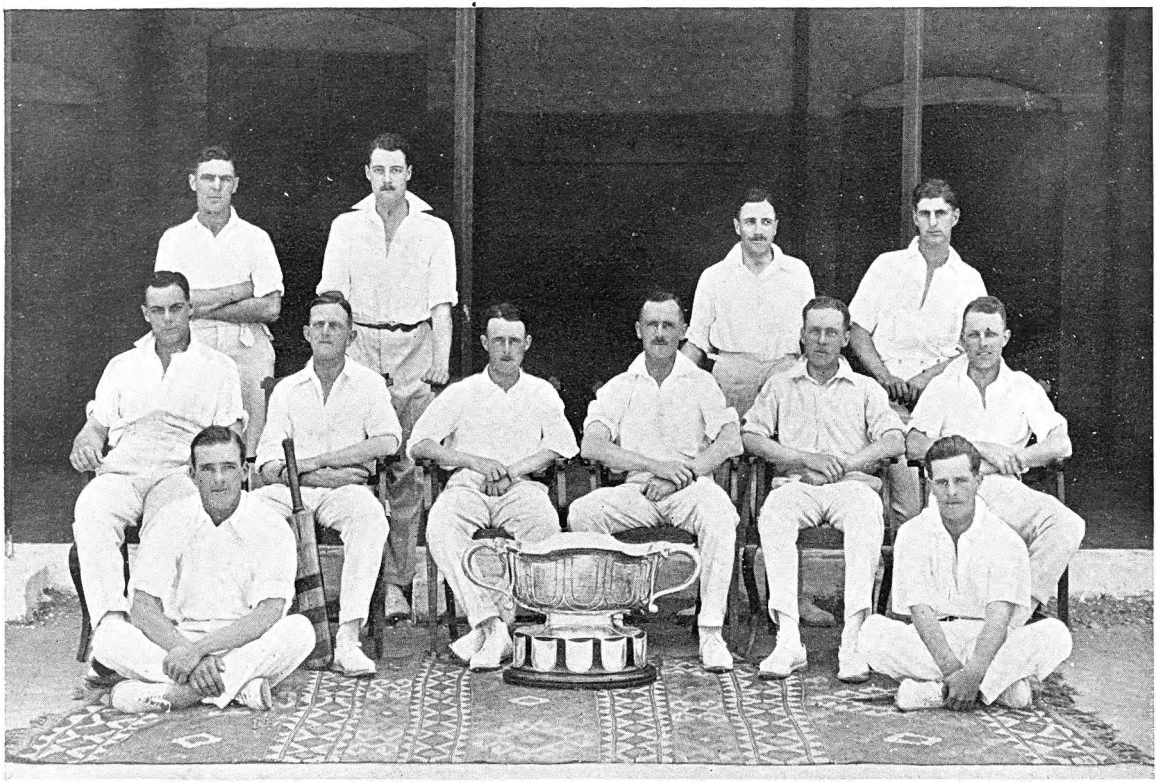

CRICKET ELEVEN, 2ND BATTALION

First Row—Left to Right—Bdsmn. C. BAKER, 2nd Lieut. C. H. COUSENS, 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck, and Pte. G. MARKS.
Second Row—Left to Right—Lieut. R. K. Anderson (Australian Staff Corps, attached), Lieut. R. E. H. STOTT, Lieut. E. A. COXON, Capt. N. A. McD. WALKER, Capt. R. V. C. CAVENDISH, M.C., and 2nd Lieut. R. E. S. YELDHAM.
Bottom Row—Left to Right—Lce.-Cpl. W. SPENCER and Pte. A. STRINGFELLOW.

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5 wickets (Lieut. Coxon, 61; Lieut. Stott, 40). Won by 5 wickets.

A bat, presented by Mr. Jaggannath for the best average in the Jamasjee Cup matches, was won by Capt. Walker with an average of 82·6, 2nd Lieut. Yeldham being a close runner-up with an average of 81·7.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in innings.	Average.
Capt. Walker	10	2	524	103	65·5
Lieut. Coxon	17	3	790	166	56·4
2nd Lieut. Yeldham	14	5	443	100*	49·2
Lieut. Anderson	10	3	157	62	22·4
Pte. Marks	9	1	157	58	19·6
Bdsmn. Baker	18	–	342	84	19·0
Lieut. Stott	17	1	300	61	18·8
2nd Lieut. Bleck	8	–	140	44	17·5
Capt. Cavendish	9	1	82	28	10·3
Pte. Stringfellow	14	2	120	44	10·0
2nd Lieut. Cousens	2	–	15	8	7·5

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs.	Maiden overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Capt. Walker	208·2	36	692	55	12·6
Lieut. Coxon	102·3	7	419	30	13·9
Pte. Stringfellow	81	18	247	14	17·6
Bdsmn. Baker	175·5	22	599	32	18·7
Pte. Marks	87	10	342	18	19·0

The Rifle Club

The energies of the Rifle Club have been occupied with a series of shoots for the "Summer Cup."

The series will not be finished until the end of the year.

The practices are as follows:—

Snapshooting at 200 yards, kneeling at 300 yards, application at 400 and 500 yards, and 5 rounds rapid at 500 yards.

The method of marking is as follows: The various practices are fired several times during the year, and the best

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score that a man obtains at the various ranges is taken as his score for the " Summer Cup."

There has, up to date, been considerable keenness shown by the men, and considering that the shoots are held on Thursdays and Sundays the attendances have been remarkably good. Owing to the fact that the range is being used practically continuously, it has at times been found difficult to work in some of the practices, hence the competition will take a considerable time to be fired.

The whole of the running of the competition has devolved on the shoulders of Capt. J. P. Wylie, D.S.O., and the work in connection with the Cup is considerable.

The ranges at Gharial are considerably better than those at Kuldana, but even so it has again only been possible to fire at one range per diem. Fire with movement practices are impossible up in the Hills, but these will be carried on as soon as the Battalion returns to Rawalpindi.

The Sergeants' Mess now hold monthly competitions for a Silver Spoon. This competition was started in May, and the first shoot was won by Lce.-Sergt. Delmore, the second being won by Sergt. Adams. The third will be held next month.

The Corporals' Mess have also started a quarterly Cup.

The advent of the rains will doubtless cause a considerable diminution in the number of shoots held during the Monsoon Season.

The standard of shooting throughout the Battalion has improved enormously, but there is still room for improvement.

Boxing Notes, 1924

Several of our best boxers have been lost to the Battalion during the last twelve months, but considerable enthusiasm has been shown by all ranks, and the general standard has risen considerably.

Apart from Battalion, District, and other Open Meetings, which are reported in detail below, the following four very successful Company Meetings were held at Gharial: Headquarter Wing versus C Company, Team Competition. Headquarter Wing won after a very keenly contested series of fights. Letters A, B, and D Companies Inter-Platoon Com-

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petitions. These all produced extremely keen rivalry between the various Platoons, and incidentally considerably assisted the Company Commanders in selecting their teams for the Inter-Company Novices' Competition.

MUSSOORIE OPEN TEAM BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

In September last we sent a team up to Mussoorie to compete in the Open Team Championships there. Eight teams entered in all, our team, which was composed as follows, being placed fifth at the end of the Competition :—

Bdsmn. Baker, Corpl. Payton, Pte. Shardlow, Pte. Barnett, Sergt. Booth, Lce.-Corpl. Saxby, Pte. Symns, Pte. Baxter, Pte. White, Pte. Allden, Pte. Adams, Lce.-Corpl. Jenks, Sergt. Howell, Corpl. Crawley, Pte. Lamb, Corpl. Ballinger, Pte. Whittle, Dmr. Timson, Dmr. Eeles, and Pte. Frost.

The following were the most successful competitors :—

Bdsmn. Baker. Lost on points in the semi-final of the Light Heavies.

Corpl. Payton. Beaten in the final of the Heavies after an extra round.

Pte. Shardlow. Knocked out in fourth series.

Pte. Symns. Won his weight, knocking out his opponent in every series, and thus became holder of the Bantam-weight Challenge Cup for 1923.

INTER-COMPANY NOVICE COMPETITION FOR 1923

Held at West Ridge, Rawalpindi, on November 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1923. Entries, 74. Points obtained by Companies : Winners, C Company, 66½ points ; runners-up, D Company, 53 points ; 3rd, H.Q. Wing, 45 points ; 4th, B Company, 31½ points.

Winners of Weights and Runners-up

Heavy : Lce.-Corpl. Lines, C Company. (Walk over.)

Light Heavy : Winner, Pte. Brown (97), C Company ; runner-up, Pte. Robinson, D Company.

Middles : Winner, Lce.-Corpl. Bee, C Company ; runner-up, Pte. Trafford, D Company.

Welters : Winner, Pte. Brown (63), D Company ; runner-up, Corpl. Ballinger, H.Q. Wing.

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Lights: Winner, Dmr. Eeles, C Company; runner-up, Pte. Boote, H.Q. Wing.

Feathers: Winner, Pte. Lamb, C Company; runner-up, Pte. Allen (30), C Company.

Bantams: Winner, Pte. Beck, C Company; runner-up, Pte. Faulkner, C Company.

Flys: Winner, Pte. Osbourne, C Company; runner-up, Pte. Wheat, D Company.

RAWALPINDI DISTRICT BOXING TOURNAMENT

We entered a team in the above Tournament, held in Rawalpindi in December, and met with fair success, considering that our representatives had to meet several experienced and older boxers from the 60th Rifles, who had recently come to the Station.

The team, which was placed fourth at the end of the Team Competitions, was composed as follows:—

Lieut. H. G. Fowler, 2nd Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham, Lce.-Corpl. Saxby, Pte. Payton, Pte. Shardlow, Pte. Symns, Bdsmn. Baker, Pte. Frost, Sergt. Booth, Dmr. Timson.

The following also entered for the Individual Championships:—

Pte. Barnett, Dmr. Eeles, Pte. Osbourne, Pte. Bee, Pte. Adams. Pte. Bee reached the final and lost after a good fight with Signalman Grey of the R.C.S.

INTER-COMPANY NOVICES' BOXING COMPETITION FOR 1924

Held at Gharial on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of June, 1924. Entries, 92. Points obtained by Companies: Winners, Headquarter Wing, 75 points; runners-up, Letter A Company, 61½ points; 3rd, Letter C Company, 34 points; 4th, Letter B Company, 33 points; 5th, Letter D Company, 30 points.

Winners and Runners-up in each Weight

Heavy: Winner, Pte. Anthony, A Company; runner-up, Pte. Glew, A Company.

Light Heavy: Winner, Pte. Brewster, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Pte. Glew, A Company.

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Middles : Winner, Pte. Appleyard, H.Q. Wing ; runner-up, Pte. Sharp, A Company.

Welters : Winner, Pte. Brown, H.Q. Wing ; runner-up, Pte. Leek, A Company.

Lights : Winner, Pte. Sharratt, A Company ; runner-up, Pte. Fisher, H.Q. Wing.

Feathers : Winner, Pte. Edwards, C Company ; runner-up, Pte. Bills, H.Q. Wing.

Bantams : Winner, Pte. Gamble, A Company ; runner-up, Lce.-Corpl. Crew, H.Q. Wing.

Flys : Winner, Boy Parker, H.Q. Wing ; runner-up, Pte. Wheat, D Company.

Best Loser : Pte. Marshall, C Company.

Two contests were also held on the final night, in which Dmr. Eeles, Foresters, beat Signalman Bernasconi, Royal Corps of Signals ; Dmr. Timson, Foresters, beat Lce.-Corpl. Debenham, 60th Rifles.

Both Headquarter Wing and Letter A Company must be congratulated on the extremely game way in which the members of their teams fought throughout the Competition. The boxing in many fights during the Tournament was of a very high standard for Novices.

A large Silver Challenge Cup has been purchased by the Battalion, to be competed for by teams of 1 Officer and 8 Other Ranks per Company and Headquarter Wing. This will be fought for in August next, and should produce some very close competition.

The Murree Hills Boxing Championships take place next month (July). Two Officers and 25 Other Ranks are entering in the various weights.

Athletics, 1923–24

Upon our move up to West Ridge, a running track was marked out round the two football grounds close to Connaught Barracks, thus providing an ideal position for the Battalion Athletic Tests. Full advantage was taken of this, all ranks being very keen, and, as a result, all Companies obtained a much higher percentage passed than in the previous year. The cross-country run was again a severe test, and the time

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limit had to be extended owing to the broken ground and heavy going.

The method of scoring was the same as for 1922.

Letter B Company, under Capt. A. S. Edwards, M.C., made a great effort during the final month, and won the Athletic Shield with a total of 55·5 per cent of points obtainable. This showed an improvement of over 12 per cent on the winning Company for 1922.

Letter A Company, under Major R. T. Foster, D.S.O., was a close second with 50·9 per cent.

This year's competition has started in full swing, and at Gharial the tests are being carried out on the Flats, which makes an excellent sports ground.

After only six months, one Company has already scored 40 per cent of the points obtainable (excluding the cross-country), and we can look forward to a close finish and also the percentage again being raised by the winning Company.

At present the majority of men appear to meet their Waterloo when attempting the high and long jumps—the track tests being passed with a certain amount of facility.

CENTENARY SPORTS

The only Sports Meeting we have had was the "Centenary Week" Sports, which were held on December 20th and 21st, 1923. These Sports were carried out on the Football Grounds at West Ridge, and were a complete success, the weather being ideal.

By the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. E. R. Clayton, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Officers, the Band of the 52nd Light Infantry played an excellent selection of music during the afternoon of the second day. There was a large gathering of families and friends of the Regiment, and much amusement was caused by the sack race, tilting the bucket, and greasy pole.

The arrangements worked admirably, R.S.M. C. F. Hobbs being Chief Clerk of the Course—one of his last duties before leaving the Battalion.

The following is a list of prize-winners :—

100 *Yards :* 1st, Pte. Brewster, H.Q. Wing, time 10⅘ secs. ; 2nd, Corpl. Old, B Company ; 3rd, Pte. Shardlow, D Company.

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220 *Yards:* 1st, Pte. Brewster, H.Q. Wing, time 22 $\frac{8}{10}$ secs.; 2nd, Lieut. R. F. Bernal, B Company; 3rd, Pte. Hunt, C Company.

$\frac{1}{4}$ *Mile:* 1st, Lieut. R. F. Bernal, B Company, time, 55 secs.; 2nd, Pte. Goodrum, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Pte. Bush, D Company.

$\frac{1}{2}$ *Mile* (Open): 1st, Lce.-Corpl. Robinson, D Company, time 57 secs.; 2nd, Lce.-Corpl. Evans, C Company.

1 *Mile:* 1st, Pte. Tomlin, H.Q. Wing, time 4 mins. 53 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.; 2nd, Pte. Edwards, C Company; 3rd, Pte. Howard, D Company.

3 *Miles:* 1st, Pte. Wardle, C Company, time 16 mins. 40 secs.; 2nd, Lieut. A. A. Dean, B Company; 3rd, Pte. Baker, B Company.

High Jump: 1st, Pte. Gough, D Company, height 4 ft. 11 in.; 2nd, Pte. Newton, B Company.

Long Jump: 1st, Pte. Gough, D Company, distance 18 ft. 2 in.; 2nd, Corpl. Old, B Company.

Relay Race (*Inter-Company*): Won by Letter B Company; Headquarter Wing second.

Winning team: 440, Lieut. R. F. Bernal; 220, Pte. Banner; 880, Capt. A. S. Edwards, M.C.; 220, Corpl. Old; 440, Pte. Taylor.

Tug-of-war (*Inter-Company*): Won by Letter D Company; runners-up, A Company.

Winning team: Lieut. R. K. Anderson, Sergt. Palmer, Lce.-Corpl. Cumberland, Ptes. Hyde, Wesson, Doncaster, Bradley, Shardlow, Turner (92), and Turner (75).

Sack Race: 1st, Pte. Johnson (51), B Company; 2nd, Pte. Murden, H.Q. Wing.

Tilting the Bucket: Winners, Ptes. Grey and Neaves, B Company; runners-up, Ptes. Sharman, B Company, and Gilbert, A Company.

Greasy Pole: Winner, Pte. Bailey, A Company.

Band Race (52nd Light Infantry Band): 1st, Bdsmn. Harrington; 2nd, Bdsmn. Monk.

Clown's Prize: Pte. Bell, Headquarter Wing.

In the Tug-of-war, D Company carried all before them, and were undoubtedly the best trained team, Sergt. Howell being their coach.

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The result of the Inter-Company Relay Race came as a surprise to all. Headquarter Wing were the general favourites, but the team representing B Company ran consistently well and won comfortably by 35 yards.

Mrs. Hart was kind enough to distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT

We entered teams to represent the Battalion in the One Mile Fighting-Order Road Race, the Fighting-Order Relay Race, the Assault Course, and the Vickers Gun Sub-Section Turn-out.

The teams were as follows :—

1. *One Mile Fighting-Order Road Race:* No. 7 Platoon, Letter B Company. Lieut. A. A. Dean, Lce.-Corpl. Whitehouse, Ptes. Baker, Spencer, Cooke, Appleyard, Leivers, Orchard, Smith, and Beale.

2. *Fighting-Order Relay Race:* The Band, Headquarter Wing. Bdsmn. Goodrum, Hodges, Halliwell, and Pte. Brewster.

3. *Assault Course:* No. 10 Section, No. 11 Platoon, Letter C Company. Ptes. Rowley, Moore, Hancock, Haslam, Stanley, and Pargin.

4. *Vickers Sub-Section Gun Team:* Sergt. White, Corpl, Carter, Lce.-Corpl. Rollin, Ptes. Avery, Barnett, Bills, Boote, Clarkson, Douglas, George, Green, Goode, Lawson, Phillips, and Slade.

The 52nd Light Infantry (last year's winners) won the One Mile Road Race, but we were second by only a few points, and if No. 7 Platoon had been more experienced runners at this difficult distance, we would have pulled it off. To say the least, we were unlucky to lose. Pte. Baker was the first man home.

The Relay Race provided the sensation of the day. A closer finish than that between the 52nd L.I. and Foresters' last man could not be imagined. Standing by the tape, one expected a dead heat as the result. Again fate was against us, for, after a good deal of discussion, the judges gave the

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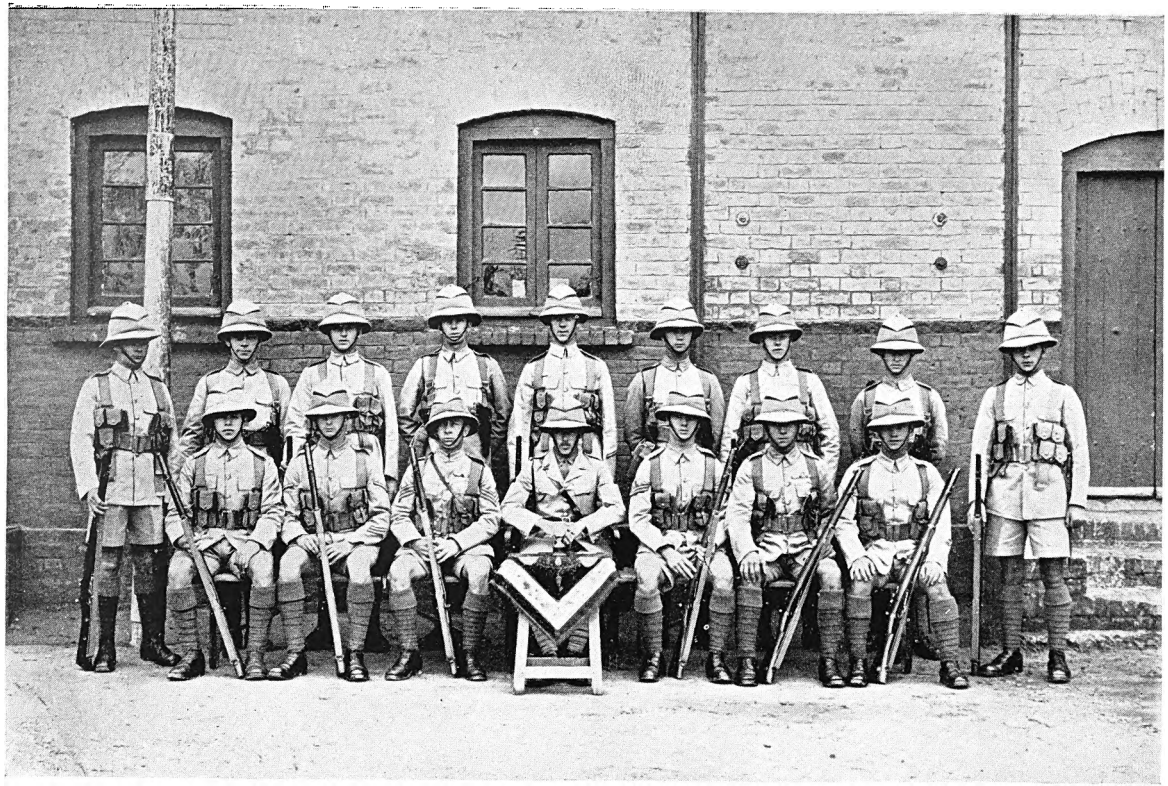

SUB-SECTION FROM MACHINE-GUN GROUP, 2ND BATTALION

(WINNERS OF MACHINE-GUN TURN-OUT CUP, RAWALPINDI MILITARY TOURNAMENT)

Back Row—Left to Right—Ptes. LAWSON, CLARKSON, GOODE, GEORGE, PHILLIPS, AVERY, SLADE, BOOTE, and BILLS
Front Row—Left to Right—Pte. GREEN, Lce.-Cpl. ROLLIN, Sgt. WHITE (Group Sergeant), Lieut. COXON (O.C. Group), Cpl. CARTER, Pte. BARNETT, and Pte. DOUGLAS.

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verdict in favour of the 52nd Light Infantry. Our team, however, must be congratulated on the fine show they put up.

In the Assault Course, the 52nd Light Infantry again were successful, our team losing by a very small margin. This gave three wins to the 52nd Light Infantry. We were placed second each time, the 60th Rifles being last in all three events.

Our one success of the day was in the Vickers Gun Sub-Section Turn-out. The turn-out of the Sub-Section was really marvellous, and would have carried the day at any Tournament at home or abroad.

The team won universal praise, and Lieut. E. A. Coxon and Sergt. White are to be congratulated on the keenness and hard work of the whole Machine Gun Platoon in preparation for this event.

Football Record, 1923–24

On its return to Rawalpindi in October, 1923, the team started the season well by defeating the 1st Battalion K.R.R.C. by 5 goals to 2, and the 11th Pack Battery R.G.A. 2–0.

One or two changes were made in the team, and Sergt. Wright, who proceeded home, was a great loss to the side.

In December the Battalion participated in the A.S.C.B. Competition with the following results :—

1st Round : Bye.
2nd Round : Foresters 6, M.T., R.A.S.C. 3.
Semi-final : Foresters 0, 24th Bde. R.F.A. 1.

In the match with the Gunners our team played very badly. There was lack of dash and cohesion, and nothing they did seemed to materialize.

In February the team proceeded to Lahore, full of hope, to again compete for the European Trades Cup, a very fine trophy, which was all but secured by us last year.

The results in this Competition were as follows :—

1st Round : Foresters 2, Government College 0.
2nd Round : Foresters 1, Northamptonshire Regiment 1.
Replay : Foresters 1, Northamptonshire Regiment 1.
2nd Replay : Foresters 1, Northamptonshire Regiment 0.
Semi-final : Foresters 2, Royal Scots Fusiliers 1.
Final : Foresters 0, 16/5th Lancers 1.

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The team played well throughout the Competition, the game with the Royal Scots Fusiliers being particularly noteworthy for its fine display of football. It was said to be the best match in the Tournament, a clean, hard, and fast game. The Royal Scots were the favourites until they met us, having beaten the 2nd Bde. R.F.A., who had won the trophy the previous two years.

A remarkable coincidence was apparent in the second round. Last year, and again this year, it took three games with the Northants to decide which team should compete in the semi-final.

Our defeat in the last stage of the Tournament only makes us more determined than ever to have this Cup next year.

The Battalion moved to Gharial in the Murree Hills in April, and with two football grounds adjacent to the Barracks, great efforts were made towards improving the team.

The greatest keenness was displayed throughout the Battalion over the Inter-Platoon League which has been started. Each Platoon, under its own arrangements, has purchased its own football kit and is self-contained in so far as Platoon games are concerned.

This Competition brought out so much talent that it was decided to enter two Regimental teams for the Murree Cup.

The results were as follows :—

" A " Team

1st Round : Foresters bye.
2nd Round : Foresters w.o., Punjab Regiment scratched.
3rd Round : Foresters 2, Lancashire Fusiliers 1.
Semi-final : Foresters 0, Royal Berkshire Regiment 1.

The team was fortunate in drawing a bye in the first round and in getting a " walk over " in the second, the Punjab Regiment scratching owing to measles. In the third round our game with the Lancashire Fusiliers produced some very good football, and the Battalion team just managed to win through after a very well contested and fast game.

The match against the Royal Berkshire Regiment in the semi-final caused great disappointment to the large number of enthusiastic Foresters' supporters who watched the match. The ball was in the Berkshires' half of the ground almost

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2ND BATTALION, "B" COMPANY, FOOTBALL TEAM, 1923-24. WINNERS OF THE BATTALION FOOTBALL SHIELD

Back Row—Left to Right—Pte. EDGE, Pte. SMITH, Pte. PRATT, Pte. FLETCHER, Pte. KERR, Pte. DONCASTER
Seated—Left to Right—Pte. ANTHONEY, Pte. PLUNBLEY, Capt. A. S. EDWARDS, M.C., Pte. BANNER (capt.), C.S.M. GEORGE, Capt. N. A. McD. WALKER, Pte. HARRISON

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throughout the match, and our defence, whenever challenged, played extremely well. However, the forward line never produced their true form and, though they had several opportunities, failed to score.

We were a little unfortunate in losing the match on a penalty goal.

"B" Team

1st Round: Foresters bye.
2nd Round: Foresters 3, 11th Pack Battery R.G.A. 0.
3rd Round: Foresters 0, 27th Bde. R.F.A. 2.

The "B" Team (or the "Juniors" as they were usually termed) was entered more to gain experience in Tournament play than with hopes of winning the Cup. In the second round they played a very good game against the 11th Pack Battery, and won in spite of the fact that they had only nine men on the ground for part of the match owing to injuries received. In the third round their football was not of such a high standard, but they did well in only losing by 2–0 to the 27th Bde. R.F.A., who were quite a good team.

The following played regularly for the teams:—

"A" Team: Pte. Pratt, Pte. Banner, Pte. Fletcher, Pte. Goldsworthy, Lce.-Corpl. Saxby (capt.), Pte. Goodfellow, Corpl. Carter, Lce.-Corpl. Spencer, Pte. Harrison, Pte. Lynch, Sergt. Howell.

"B" Team: Pte. Giles, Pte. Dudley, Pte. Evans, Pte. Houseley, Pte. Marks (capt.), Lce.-Corpl. Johnson, Pte. Bryant, Pte. Whittle, Pte. Edge, Pte. Fisher, Pte. Benfield.

The Battalion is entering a team for the Durand Cup to be played for at Simla in October.

Polo Notes

Upon our return to Rawalpindi from the Hills, we entered a team for the "Murree Brewery Tournament" held in Rawalpindi in December.

Our team was composed as follows:—

Col. Hart (No. 1), Capt. Cavendish (No. 2), Capt. Gamble (No. 3), Capt. Ebsworth (No. 4).

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We drew the P.A.V.O. Cavalry "A" Team in the first round, and although we did not give them so good a game as in the first round of the Tradesmen's Cup last year, we only lost by the odd goal after a very exciting game.

In February we took our ponies up to Nowshera and entered for the Tournament there. We played rather a ragged game, and were put out of the running in the first round. However, the team gained a little experience by the visit, and as a result played better in the next Tournament for which we entered. This was the Tradesmen's Cup at Rawalpindi.

We managed to beat the 60th Rifles "B" Team in the first round by 5 goals to 1, but were beaten by the 24th Brigade R.F.A. by 6–1 in the second round. Our team on this occasion was composed as follows: Capt. Platt (No. 1), Capt. Gamble (No. 2), Capt. Cavendish (No. 3), and Capt. Ebsworth (back).

In the spring the Battalion moved up to Gharial, where there is a small ground on which three-a-side games are played. A small Tournament was organized in June, for which four teams entered: two from the 60th Rifles, one called the "Tigers," and one from the Foresters, composed of 2nd Lieut. Bleck (No. 1), Capt. Gamble (No. 2), Capt. Cavendish (back). We met the 60th Rifles "A" Team in the first round and beat them by 4–1. In the final we met the "Tigers" and just managed to win after a very fast galloping game by the odd goal in three.

Several young players in the Battalion show promise, and several ponies of a good class having been purchased lately, we hope next year to be more successful in the Rawalpindi Tournaments.

Hockey Notes, 1923–24

The past season has shown a tremendous improvement in the standard of both Regimental and Company Hockey, and results are distinctly good as compared with those of our first season in India. The record of the Regimental team up to date is: Matches played 32; won 15, drawn 7, lost 10.

Considering the standard of the teams met with in this country, this record is a most satisfactory one. Of our 10

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lost matches only 4 have been at the hands of military sides, the 60th Rifles, winners of the Northern Command Tournament, having defeated us three times, and the 52nd Light Infantry once.

As regards Tournaments, we reached the semi-final of the Murree Cup, played in September, 1923, having drawn a bye in the first round and beaten the Royal Scots Greys 3–2 in the second. In the semi-final, we lost 1–2 to the 52nd Light Infantry after extra time and an excellent game. It was about this time that the team began to show real signs of improvement.

Our first Competition in Rawalpindi on returning from the Hills was the District Tournament, in which we again reached the semi-final, beating the 9th Pack Battery, R.G.A. 4–0 and the 6th Pack Battery 3–0, only to be again knocked out, this time by the 60th Rifles 2–1, after a fast and even game.

In the Anderson Cup, which took place in March, 1924, and is open to teams from Northern India, we put up what was undoubtedly our best performance of the season. We drew a bye in the first round, defeated the R.A.M.C. 2–0 in the second, and the Telegraphs 3–1 in the semi-final. In the final we met the North-Western Railway Traffic Club, a very clever side indeed, and a tremendously fast game ensued. At half-time we were leading 1–0, the result of a fine shot by 2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck. After the interval Lieut. Coxon put us further ahead, and this lead we maintained till ten minutes from time when the Railway forwards began to assert their superiority and scored a brilliant goal. This they followed up with another, with less than three minutes to go. In the extra time, they scored twice more without response from us, though towards the end we were attacking hotly, their goalkeeper saving excellently. The team in this Tournament was as follows :—

Pte. Gower ; Lieut. Bernal, Bdsmn. Baker ; Sergt. White, Capt. Walker, Capt. Wylie, D.S.O. ; Lce.-Corpl. Storer, 2nd Lieut. Yeldham, Lieut. Coxon, 2nd Lieut. Bleck, Capt. Kenny.

In the Lintott Shield, played in Murree in June, 1924, we were very much out of luck, being beaten in the first round by the Fort Club, a native team from Rawalpindi, 1–0, after

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having had at least three-quarters of the game. We undoubtedly failed through being unable to turn to good account the innumerable short corners allowed us by our opponents.

We have been fortunate in possessing so many Officers who play Hockey and play it well. In this connection, particular mention must be made of Capt. Walker, who has been a tower of strength at centre-half. As regards the N.C.O.'s and Men, Sergt. White and Bdsmn. Baker stand out by themselves. They have played in every game this season with remarkable consistency. Mention must also be made of Lce.-Corpl. Storer, and Ptes. Turner, Edge, Marks, and Bickley, who show the greatest promise; and last, but not least, of Pte. Gower, who has always been safe and most plucky in goal throughout the season.

Company Hockey is flourishing as it never flourished before, and, as previously mentioned, the standard has improved enormously. The Inter-Company Shield was won this year by the Headquarter Wing, who defeated B Company in the final 4–0. The game was far more even than the score indicates. The Headquarter Wing's team was as follows:—

Pte. Lee; Lce.-Corpl. Storer, Bdsmn. Baker; Pte. Baguley, Sergt. White, Lieut. Cavendish, M.C.; Lce-Corpl. Whitehead, Pte. Sheriff, Lieut. Coxon, Pte. Marks, Lce.-Corpl. Saxby.

Every Company entered a team for the Finney Cup, presented for competition between Companies or equivalent establishments in Rawalpindi District. A, C, and H.Q. Wing were knocked out in the first round. Headquarter Wing, however, put up a stout fight against C Company, N.W. Railway Regiment, only losing after a replay 1–0. D Company were knocked out in the second round by the I.A.O.C., having beaten A Company, 60th Rifles, in the first. Meanwhile B Company had been carrying all before them, beating B Company, 52nd Light Infantry 4–0 in the first round, the R.A.M.C. 2–1 in the second, and C Company, N.W. Railway Regiment 2–1 in the semi-final. This last result came as a great surprise to all, including their opponents, but the victory was thoroughly well deserved. The final was a most disappointing affair owing to the waterlogged condition of the ground. B Company lost to Headquarter Wing, 60th Rifles 1–0, after a very evenly contested game.

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WINNERS BASKET BALL

No. 5 Platoon (1924), "B" Company, 2nd Battalion

Ptes. Lovatt, McCubbin, Giles
Pte. Brice, C.S.M. George, 2nd Lieut. Ingall, Sgt. Edermaniger, Pte. Banner
Played 21, Won 19, Lost 2; Goals for 395, Against 66

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B Company's team :—

Pte. Chamberlain ; Pte. Smith, Pte. Meakin ; Lieut. Dean, Capt. Walker, Sergt. Hage ; 2nd Lieut. Ingall, Pte. Edge, Lieut. Bernal, Pte. Sanders, Lce.-Corpl. Edgson.

Educational Training

Since last year good progress has been made. Corpl. Slack and Lce.-Corpl. Jones passed the course at the School of Education, Wellington. Sergt. Sutton and Pte. Chesney obtained 1st Class Certificates in October, and the numbers in possession of 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates are now 190 and 449 respectively.

Several men in the last year of service have taken up various forms of Vocational Training. This scheme is slowly expanding, and it is hoped that in future most men will be trained for work in civil life before they leave the Colours.

The experience of the year's work shows that the 1st Class Certificate is not by any means unobtainable by men of average intelligence and application.

Alma Day, 1924

Trooping the Colours

The Battalion carried out this spectacular ceremony at Gharial on a gloriously sunny day, before a crowd of visitors, which included Major-Gen. Sir Herbert Uniacke, G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command ; Col.-Comdt. H. L. Knight, Commanding Rawalpindi District; and many representatives of the staffs of the Northern Command and Rawalpindi District.

The following Officers were on Parade :—

Lt.-Col. R. S. Popham, C.M.G., D.S.O.	Commanding the Parade.
Capt. J. P. Wylie, D.S.O. . .	Commanding the Guards.
Lieut. R. J. Wilkins . . .	Act. Adjutant.
Escort for the Colours . .	Letter B Company.
Commanding the Escort . .	Capt. J. W. Turner, M.C.
Lieutenant	Lieut. A. A. Dean.
2nd Lieutenant for the Colour .	2nd Lieut. E. G. B. Proctor.
Guard Commanders . .	Lieut. R. F. Bernal.
	2nd Lieut. C. E. Bleck.
	2nd Lieut. R. E. S. Yeldham.

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During the ceremony the King's Colour was on the saluting base. The honour of carrying it fell upon No. 4961432 Pte. J. P. Hallows, he being the senior private soldier of the Battalion. The Escort consisted of No. 4963271 Pte. A. Biggs, No. 4961484 Pte. P. Newborn, and No. 4961590 Pte. T. Smith.

The ceremony was carried out with great precision and steadiness. After the march past the King's Colour was marched on to join the Regimental Colour.

The marching and steady drill and the bearing of all ranks were warmly praised by Sir Herbert Uniacke in an address at the conclusion of the Parade. The performance of this difficult ceremony was the best effort of the Battalion since the Great War. The speech of Lt.-Col. R. S. Popham, C.M.G., D.S.O., which was made to the troops will be found below.

Speech by Lt.-Col. R. S. Popham, C.M.G., D.S.O.

"Foresters; once again we are assembled on Alma Day, 20th September, to commemorate the glorious conduct of the Regiment on that day.

"On it fell the brunt of the fighting of the 2nd British Division in the capture of the heights. The action cost the Regiment 18 Officers and 200 N.C.O.'s and Men, and it was conspicuous for great acts of gallantry and self-devotion by all ranks, and we commemorate the memory of those who brought undying fame to the Regiment.

"On the saluting base you will see the King's Colour carried by the senior Private of the Regiment, and escorted by the three next senior Privates. It is done for two reasons. Firstly, to commemorate the gallant action of Pte. James Keenan, who at a critical moment in the battle, after four Officers and five Sergeants had fallen carrying the Colours, seized the Queen's Colour from the hand of Lieut. Braybrooke, who was mortally wounded, and rushing forward with it, placed it on the Russian Redoubt. This became a rallying point for the Regiment, and though the Russians repeatedly attacked during the day they were unable to retake the Redoubt. And, secondly, it is to show you that the honour and good name of the Regiment, of which the Colours are the outward symbol, are in the hands of everybody for safe keeping, whether he be the Commanding Officer or the last joined Drummer Boy.

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C.O., 2ND IN COMMAND, ADJUTANT AND SERGEANTS, 2ND BATTALION

First Row—Left to Right—C.Q.M.S. RICHARDS, M.M., Lce.-Sgts. SLACK and WALLIS, Sgt.-Dmr. STAPLES, Lce.-Sgt. FROGGATT, Sgt. EDERMANIGER, Lce.-Sgt. WAGSTAFF, Sgts. CLARKE, HAMMOND, BRAMWELL, M.M., HAIGH, PALMER, DELMORE, Lce.-Sgt. BROWN, Sgt. PIPER, and Arm.-S.-Sgt. ADAMS (R.A.O.C.)

Second Row—Left to Right—Schoolmaster (W.O.I.) DARLING, A.E.C., Sgts. COOLING, BUTLER, DOHERTY, CHAMBERS, WHITE, ADAMS, C.Q.M.S's. MORTIMER, HUNT, M.M., TINGLE, Sgts. NEWBURY, PARKER, PARKES, DUNKERLEY, ALLEN, BENNETT, LOUND, M.M., and C.Q.M.S. ARMSTRONG, D.C.M.

Third Row—Left to Right—C.S.M's. GEORGE, MCDERMOTT, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) DADY, D.C.M., R.S.M. JONES, D.C.M., Capt. G. M. GAMBLE, Lieut.-Col. R. S. POPHAM, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major (Bt.-Lieut.-Col.) R. S. HART, D.S.O., Lieut. and Q.M. C. A. WARMER, D.C.M., M.M., Bandmaster HARVEY, C.S.M's. UNWIN, CROWDER, and HUNT, D.C.M.

Sitting—Left to Right—Lce.-Sgt. BOOTH, Sgt. HOWELL, Sgt. HAGE, and Lce.-Sgt. PICKARD.

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"In war time it is our duty as soldiers to add to the Honours of the Regiment, and it is also our duty and privilege to see that these Honours remain untarnished in the long days of peace. This can be done, and can only be done, by cheerfulness at all times, the prompt and willing obedience of orders, the faithful carrying out of our duties, smartness, pride of every individual in himself and the Regiment, loyalty, and upright living.

"The old Colours that we honour to-day were presented to the Regiment 33½ years ago, before any of us joined, and before some of you were born. At the commencement of the Great War they were in good condition. After the Armistice they were taken to France, and they were carried at the head of the Regiment on the triumphant march of the British Army into Germany. The weather was wet, and for days they could not be properly dried. The silk, already old and thin, got damaged beyond repair; but at the same time it is right and proper that they, too, should bear the scars of war, and be a perpetual reminder to us of the 11,409 Foresters of the 30 Battalions of the Regiment who sacrificed themselves for their King and Empire."

Alma Day Sports, 1924

The Trooping of the Colours took place actually on Alma Day, but the Athletic Sports were postponed, owing to the Murree Fair, until the 24th and 25th September.

The meeting was held on the Gharial Flats, the weather being favourable on both days.

On the first day the two jumps and the heats of the other events were completed. On the second day the finals were run off, and several amusing minor events were added. An inter-Company three-mile relay race (teams of 4), a boat race, and pillow-fighting were introduced with success, the first-named event finishing amidst great excitement. It was won by the narrow margin of one foot.

Points were scored in all Championship events for a handsome silver cup, named "The Alma Day Cup," and this evoked the keenest competition and interest throughout the Battalion.

The ladies' egg and spoon race, the two children's races,

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and the sergeants' handicap attracted large fields and were keenly contested.

The Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess were "At Home" to their friends, and many visitors were present, including Gen. Sir Herbert and Lady Uniacke. No hitch occurred in the arrangements, which were in the hands of Lieut. Bernal and the Sergeant-Major. The Band played during the afternoon, and the several side-shows organized by Lieut. Warmer were a great attraction.

Lady Uniacke presented the prizes. The winner of each Championship event received a silver cup; teams, silver medals; and the other prizes were appropriate.

It was extraordinary, as the C.O. mentioned in his speech, that two Companies should tie for the Cup in the first year it was competed for.

RESULTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

100 Yards

1. H.Q. Coy., Bdsn. Hodges.
2. H.Q. Coy., Bdsn. Brewster.
3. H.Q. Coy., Pte. Davis.
4. H.Q. Coy.

440 Yards

1. D Coy., Pte. Shardlow.
2. B Coy., Lieut. Bernal.
3. C Coy., Pte. Evans.
4. B Coy.

Half-Mile

1. C Coy., Pte. Edwardes.
2. B Coy., Capt. Edwards.
3. C Coy., Pte. Wardle.
4. A Coy.

One Mile

1. C Coy., Pte. Edwardes.
2. D Coy., Pte. Foster.
3. A Coy., Corpl. Bailey.
4. B Coy.

Long Jump

1. B Coy., Corpl. Old.
2. D Coy., Pte. Brown.
3. D Coy., Pte. Gough.
4. A Coy.

High Jump

1. A Coy., 2nd Lieut. Yeldham.
2. D Coy., Pte. Gough.
3. D Coy., Pte. Peate.
4. B Coy.

Three-Mile Relay

1. C Coy.
2. B Coy.
3. D Coy.
4. A Coy.

Short Relay

1. B Coy.
2. H.Q. Coy.
3. D Coy.
4. C. Coy.

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Tug-of-war

1. D Coy.
2. B Coy.
3. A Coy.
4. H.Q. Coy.

Scoring Sheet for Alma Day Cup

Event	A	B	C	D	H.Q.
1. 100 Yards . . .	—	—	—	—	20
2. 440 Yards . . .	—	8	4	8	—
3. Half-Mile . . .	2	6	12	—	—
4. One Mile . . .	4	2	8	6	—
5. Long Jump . . .	2	8	—	10	—
6. High Jump . . .	8	2	—	10	—
7. Three-Mile Relay . .	4	12	16	8	—
8. Short Relay. . . .	—	16	4	8	12
9. Tug-of-war . .	8	12	—	16	4
	—	—	—	—	—
Total . .	28	66	44	66	36

Scoring

Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

1st—8 pts. 2nd—6 pts. 3rd—4 pts. 4th—2 pts.

Events 7, 8, 9.

1st—16 pts. 2nd—12 pts. 3rd—8 pts. 4th—4 pts.

Alma Day Cup

Winners.—B Coy. and D Coy., tie, with 66 points each.

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DEPOT NOTES

DURING the past year service at the Depot has progressed quietly. In the early part of the year we had quite a large number of recruits under instruction, and as these were posted to the 1st Battalion on completion of their 20 weeks' training, and as the requirements of the Regiment were not urgent, some time elapsed before we became open again for recruits.

As is now generally known, the system of recruiting is by squads of 30 men, and is governed by the requirements as laid down from time to time by the recruiting staff of the War Office. Our Recruiting Area is now the counties of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire.

In August, 1924, we were reduced to one squad. Other Regiments who were badly in need of men were being recruited for in the three counties named. Now, however, owing to the fact that the War Office have published an Army Order allowing men to prematurely transfer to the Reserve with 4 years' service, the Regiment now wants about 230 men to bring it up to establishment. The number of men who will arrive in England this trooping season from the 2nd Battalion for transfer will be about 200. They will be transferred to the Reserve immediately on arrival in this country, either by the 1st Battalion or the Depot. This will greatly depend on whether the 1st Battalion have completed their proposed move to the north of Ireland early in January, 1925. If the men arrive after that date, it is assumed that they will be despatched to Derby for transfer.

The above number will strengthen the Reserve, and it is confidently anticipated that the required number of recruits will be obtained by the end of March, 1925.

A shortage of recruits at a Depot is a blessing in disguise

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in more ways than one, especially when it happens in summer. It gives the Officer Commanding the Depot a chance to send his staff on their 28 days' annual leave during that period. Moreover, it also permits of the Officer Commanding the Training Cadre (the polishing-off Unit of the Depot Training System) freshening up his programme of work, and putting his staff through a refresher before he becomes busy again. Then again it also gives a chance for the holding of 14 days' Classes of Instruction for the Permanent Staff of the Territorial Battalions and classes for Platoon Commanders and Section Leaders of the Territorial Army. These classes have been of great benefit to the four Battalions of the Territorial Army in their Annual Camps. The Training Cadre was lent to the Foresters Brigade at their Annual Camp at the Isle of Man this year, and received the thanks of the G.O.C. 46th N.M. Division for their valuable services at that camp.

From a sporting point of view the Depot have done quite well this last year. We did not succeed in winning the N.C. Recruits' Cup, but were beaten in the 2nd round by the Depot the S. Staffs Regiment, who eventually won it; after a very hard game, we had to play extra time, and lost by the odd goal in three.

We were drawn against the 2nd Battalion the North Staffords in the 1st round of the Army Cup at Lichfield, and lost 4–1.

The Depot Hockey Team reached the 3rd round of the Hockey Cup, and then lost to the 1st Battalion D.L.I. at York, after a very close game.

At Cricket this year a very large programme was entered upon, i.e. 28 matches. In the early part of the season, owing to the wet weather, the first 4 matches were abandoned through rain; of the remaining 24, we won 14 and lost 10. The annual matches between the Depot Staff and Col. Wise's XI this year were very enjoyable games. The Depot Staff (thanks to a fine innings by Sergt. Townsend of 88) won at Walton Hall, but in the return match at Derby we were heavily defeated.

The annual match against the Friars on the County ground brought out some fine cricket. The Depot compiled an innings of 174 (Capt. Allen 66), and the Friars responded with

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245 for 4 wickets, scored in just two hours. As the Friars always put their best available team against us in this match, I think we made quite a creditable show.

The Married N.C.O.'s of the Depot played a return match against the Ladies. The Ladies won handsomely.

The first Annual Rifle Meeting of the Depot took place on the 30 yards open range on the 16th September. The following are the results.

Challenge Cup :	Score.
Winners, W.O.'s and Sergeants	232
(C.Q.M.S. Barber 61, Sergt. Grant 61, Sergt. Townsend 56, R.S.M. Parker 54, Sergt. Wright 54.)	
2nd, Officers	218
3rd, Corporals and Lance-Corporals	213
4th, Privates	183
All-Comers' Aggregate (H.P.S. 65) :	
1st, C.Q.M.S. Barber	61
2nd, Lieut. J. K. L. Roberts	61
3rd, Sergt. Grant	61
Private Soldiers' Shoot (H.P.S. 45) :	
1st, Pte. Booth	29
2nd, Pte. Reeves	27
Rapid Shoot (H.P.S. 60) :	
1st, R.S.M. Parker	50
2nd, C.Q.M.S. Barber	50
3rd, Sergt. Wright	48

Sweepstake :

1st, Sergt. Grant.
2nd, R.S.M. Parker.
3rd, Pte. Booth.

In the Recruits' Boxing Competition against the Depot the Leicestershire Regiment, held at Derby, we failed to retain the Cup.

The Leicester Recruits were a better team altogether than our boys, and we are now waiting to get our revenge at an early date.

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The Annual Bowling Match between the Officers and Sergeants was won by the Officers. Some very good bowling was seen. The scores of the last match are appended.

Capt. B. G. Allen Capt. M. H. Cooper	15	R.S.M. Parker Sergt. Grant	12
Lieut. J. K. L. Roberts Lieut. C. R. T. Wilmot	15	Sergt. Joy Sergt. Nichols	11
Capt. J. H. M. Douglas	15	O.R.Q.M.S. Thompson	14

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5TH BATTALION NOTES

THE beginning of the year 1924 found that the late Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. T. C. Newbold, D.S.O., T.D., had terminated his Command of the Battalion.

On the 16th February, 1924, he was succeeded by Lt.-Col. B. H. Beaumont-Checkland, M.C., T.D.

The inauguration of "Collective Training" in the open country, instead of the monotony of drills in the Drill Halls, appears to be greatly appreciated by all ranks of this Battalion.

The following is a description of the first of the "Collective Trainings" carried out this year:—

"Brighter soldiering" appears to be the aim of the 5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, of the Territorial Army, for the authorities apparently have realized the value of advertisement in getting recruits. Though there are two drills weekly in the spring and summer, these have, since the War, been completed in the Drill Hall, with no indication to the public that there is an Infantry Territorial Unit in the town of Derby.

However, on Sunday chars-à-bancs were engaged to transport H.Q. Wing and A Company to Bretby Park, near Burton-on-Trent.

There, in ideal picnic country, they discovered D Company (from Church Gresley and Melbourne) occupying posts on the crest of the hill, and near the lakes. Scheming, rushing, and perspiring, the Derby Companies achieved the nearly impossible in driving the enemy out, brought them back to the starting-point, contested two pulls at tug-of-war; had a splendid tea; then drove home, all in the space of four and a half hours.

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OFFICERS, 5TH BATTALION

Capt. GILLEY, Lt. FREEMAN, Capt. SNAITH, Lieut. BELL, Major KERR, Lieut.-Col. BEAUMONT CHECKLAND, Capt. COOPER, Capt. FINCH, Capt. GREENFIELD, Lieut. ROE, Lieut. STOKES, Lieut. CHRISTIAN, Lieut. SHAW. Lieut. FENWICK, Lieut. HUNT, Lieut. LONGDON.

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G.O.C.-in-C's. INSPECTION, 5TH BATTALION, KNOCKALOE CAMP, PEEL, ISLE OF MAN, 9.8.1924

Sgt.-Dmr. NEWTON, Sgt. MARTIN, C.S.M. HORNE, C.S.M. LEES, R.S.M. WHITWORTH, O.C. 5th Battn., O.C. 139th Bde., Sir CHARLES HARINGTON, Major KERR, Capt. and Adjt. COOPER, R.Q.M.S. ENGTARD, C.S.M. TANSLEY, Bd.-Mr. MALLET

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Meanwhile, the Belper and Ripley Platoons of C Company visited Wirksworth, and the Ilkeston and Long Eaton Platoons went to Dale Abbey, and carried out "Field Tactics" much on the same lines as the Derby Companies.

On succeeding Sundays during the summer other grounds will be visited. Under the influence of the hot-house Drill Hall, the Territorials have wilted in mid-week drills to low strength, but the keenness and enthusiasm of the young soldiers in the open air on Sunday augurs well for the future Territorial Army recruiting, as all-round open-air life calls even to the "amateur soldier."

The Battalion encamped this year at Knockaloe, Peel, Isle of Man, on the ground which apparently had been used for a German Prisoners of War Camp. Although the weather conditions were not ideal for camping, the Battalion maintained that high state of efficiency which has always been its aim. The Brigade and Divisional Commanders and the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command, expressed themselves as very satisfied with all they saw at their various inspections, and the Town Commissioners of Peel have notified to the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command, their appreciation of the conduct of the Sherwood Foresters Infantry Brigade during its stay there.

During his inspection the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command (Sir Charles Harington, G.C.B., K.C.B., D.S.O.), presented the Territorial Officers' Decoration to Major J. Kerr, M.C., and to Capt. L. Hales-Finch.

The Battalion succeeded in obtaining the most points in a Cookery Competition open to the 139th Sherwood Foresters Infantry Brigade, and has been selected to represent the 46th North Midland Division, at the Divisional Competition at a later date.

Although the Battalion is up to its Establishment in Officers, it has room for a few "Other Ranks," which it is hoped will be filled before next Camp.

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6TH BATTALION NOTES

THE past year has not been such an exciting one as some, although a few items of interest have taken place.

On " Armistice Day," it being impossible to hold a Battalion Parade, owing to the scattered nature of the Battalion, Battalion Headquarters and the two local Companies, A (Chesterfield) and D (Staveley), paraded at the Drill Hall, under the command of Capt. F. M. Dick, M.C., and proceeded to the Parish Church with the Mayor and Corporation. The Church of the Crooked Spire was filled to overflowing.

Immediately after Christmas, thanks to the generosity of the War Office and the Derbyshire Territorial Army Association, some alterations were commenced at the Drill Hall, Chesterfield; the old stuffy little rooms were pulled down and new ones erected. The work took five months to complete and cost about £1500. We now have, in addition to the offices, an Officers' Mess, and on the occasion of its opening a Reunion Dinner was held in the Drill Hall, at which members of the Mess were the guests of Major C. P. Markham, M.C., J.P., at one time an officer of the Battalion. About 75 guests were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. It is hoped that in future we shall have a guest night once every three months. In addition, there is also a new N.C.O.'s room, where many enjoyable evenings are now spent, they taking full advantage of their new accommodation.

The Annual Camp this year was held at Peel, Isle of Man, and when the news of our proceeding there was announced, it was hoped that the Battalion would come up to strength, but owing to it being the fourth year after the reconstruction of the Battalion, and four years being the popular term of engagement, it meant a very heavy year in discharges, conse-

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quently we only went to Camp about the same strength as the previous year. Our enlistments for the year amounted to 166, and the discharges 191.

The strength of the Battalion at the time of writing is 18 Officers and 529 Other Ranks, out of an establishment of 20 Officers and 636 Other Ranks.

The following casualties have occurred amongst the commissioned ranks :—

Major H. C. Brooke-Taylor, T.D., has retired. Capt. F. M. Dick, M.C., promoted Major. Capt. I. Davies has been transferred to the R.A.O.C. as D.A.D.O.S. to the 46th (N.M.) Division, with the provisional rank of Major. Lieut. J. Clarke, D.S.O., M.C., promoted Captain. Major H. C. Brooke-Taylor, Capt. C. V. H. C. Blackwall, and Major I. Davies have been granted the Territorial Decoration. Major Dick has taken over the duties of Second-in-Command from Major H. C. Brooke-Taylor, and Capt. Clarke has taken over the command of D Company from Major Dick.

The following Officers have been gazetted into the Battalion during the year :—

Lieut. G. K. K. Maughan (re-gazetted). 2nd Lieut. T. C. B. Goodman (son of Brig.-Gen. G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., T.D., who served through every rank in this Battalion, and finished up in France by commanding a Brigade). 2nd Lieut. J. E. O. Walker. 2nd Lieut. W. F. Cockayne.

Company Notes

A Company, Chesterfield

This Company was much handicapped through the winter owing to the alterations to the Drill Hall being carried out. The customary annual ball could not be held, much to the regret of all ranks, as this is always a very successful dance.

Their very popular Company Commander, Capt. H. H. Jackson, was married on October 9th, 1924. A party of the Company attended the wedding and gave him a Guard of Honour on coming out of the church, they also man-handled the motor-car from the church to the bride's parents' home, a distance of nearly a mile, all of which was carried out at the double.

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The Company carried out successful week-end Musketry Camps at Coombs Rifle Range.

Miniature Rifle Matches have been held most Sundays at the Drill Hall against local teams. I do not think that the Company have been beaten yet.

B Company, Chapel-en-le-Frith

No notes have been received from this Company.

C Company, Bakewell

Bakewell Platoon. The Company Ball was held at the Town Hall on 1st February, 1924, and was well attended.

The winner of the Annual Tradesman's Shoot was Pte. Hamilton, who will probably be remembered by some members of the 1st Battalion on account of his boxing and football abilities. He also won the Edmunds prize at the 1923 Camp for the best turned-out man in full marching order.

As an aid to recruiting the Platoon organized a tableau at the local Carnival, representing "Old Bill," and was awarded second prize.

Wirksworth Platoon. The Platoon Ball which had not been held since 1914 was revived, and was held in conjunction with a Whist Drive at the Town Hall on 21st March, 1924. It was a great success, some 200 people being present.

Capt. J. D. B. Symonds presided at the Platoon Annual Dinner on 30th May last, supported by his father, an old member of the Battalion in its Volunteer days.

Ashbourne Platoons. The Annual Dinner was held at the Green Man Hotel on 28th November, 1923, the chair being occupied by the Platoon Commander, Lieut. L. Parkinson. These Platoons have ten cups to compete for each year, and they are usually presented at the Annual Dinner. The Annual Soirée was held on January 30th, in the Town Hall, about 200 people attending.

This detachment is the only one in the Battalion which has a Football Team of its own. The team was entered in the local league, and finished the season fourth. They also organize fortnightly Whist Drives, which are a great success and very beneficial to the Platoon fund.

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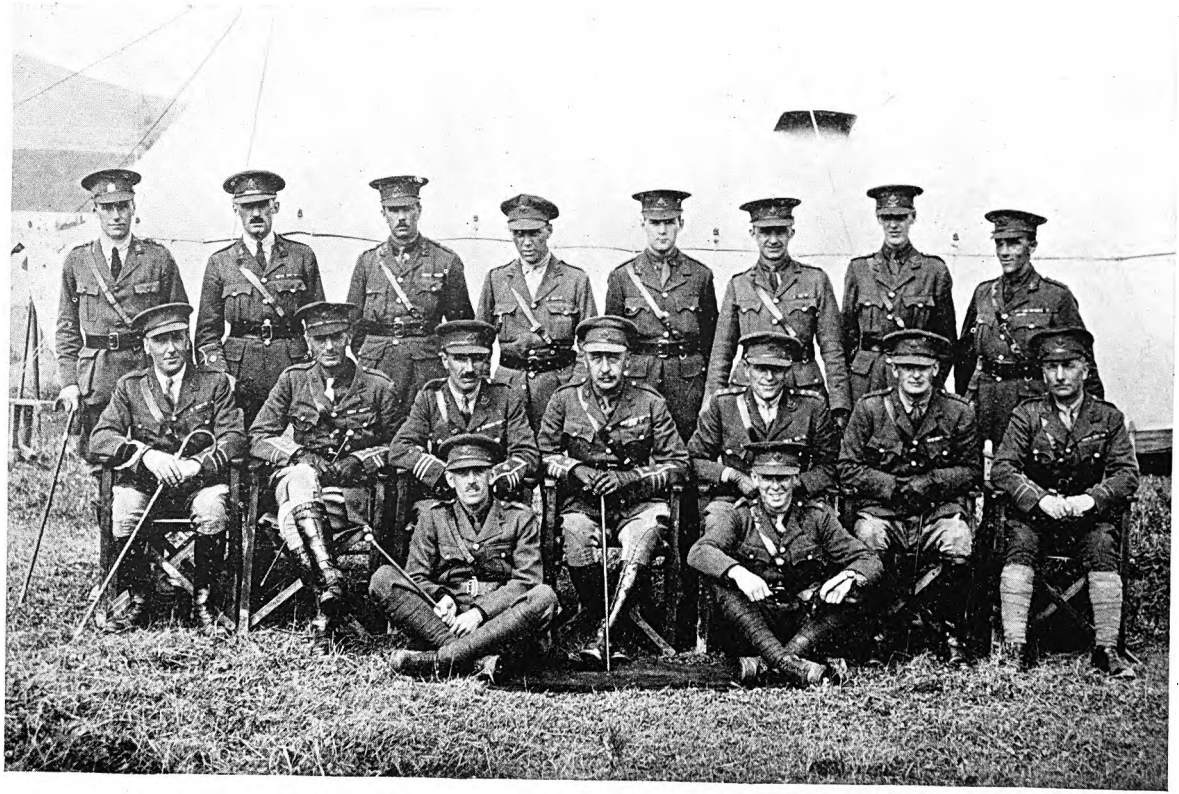

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The Platoons sent a party to the funeral of the late Canon E. E. Morris, who for a number of years was Chaplain to the Battalion, and always during his stay at Ashbourne was a great supporter of the local detachment.

D Company, Staveley

The Company Dinner was again held at Eckington this year and was a great success, inasmuch as only four men out of the whole Company were absent. Many N.C.O.'s and Men had long distances to travel in order to be present. After the dinner a dance was held, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Regimental Band supplied the music.

The Company also carried out week-end Musketry Camps. This is the first year that they have been tried, and they have proved quite successful. The Company proceeded thirty miles by road to Coombs Range on Saturday afternoon and, by sleeping the night in the Drill Hall at Chapel-en-le-Frith, which is only two miles from the range, were thus enabled to get a certain amount done during the Saturday afternoon, and also to make an early start on the Sunday.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES

THE History of the 1924 Training Season has been uneventful, marked only by a steady advance in tactical knowledge and numbers. The Robin Hoods are now within reasonable distance of reaching the full Peace Establishment by the end of next year. The various Company and Battalion Competitions were again held, and with more interest taken, considerable increase in skill was noted. The Cup for Boxing was won by letter D Company; the Football Shield by letter A Company, and the "Seely" Shield, a Platoon Competition in marching and shooting, by H.Q. Wing. The Annual Battalion Shoot was held in September, and much better results obtained than previously since the War. The open prize for the best aggregate was won by Sergt.-Instructor Wilson; the prize for Sergeants and over, by C.S.M. Eddings; for trained men, by Corpl. Shaw; and for Recruits, by Pte. Pritchett. The shooting all round was a great advance on last year.

The Battalion has lost the following officers, mainly owing to pressure of business: Capt. J. A. Player, retired; Capt. J. Henry, M.C., and Lieut. R. B. Emmett, seconded, owing to absence abroad. The following have accordingly taken over Companies: letter A, Capt. J. Melville; letter B, Capt. B. H. Brewill; H.Q. Wing and Machine Gun Platoon, Capt. E. R. Barlow.

The following officers are welcomed: Lieut. Deal, on transfer from the Royal Irish Constabulary, and 2nd Lieuts. Allen, Cowley, Hardstaff, and Venn, on first commission.

The Band and Bugles have this year been fitted out with Full Dress, and it was very pleasant to see again the old Lincoln Green on Brigade Ceremonial Parades.

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8TH BATTALION NOTES

IN order to bring our Regimental Notes up to date and in line with those of other Battalions the present account covers the period from the beginning of 1923 to the end of the training season of 1924.

The Battalion found itself at the beginning of 1923 with a strength of 21 Officers and 569 Other Ranks, but during the early months of the year recruits came in so well that by July 1st we had no fewer than 634 Other Ranks out of an establishment of 637, D Company alone having enlisted something like 50 men at Worksop and Retford. We lost Lieuts. C. P. Elliott, M.C., and R. H. Bolton, both of whom went on to the Reserve of Officers, but we were fortunate in being joined by the following subalterns: 2nd Lieuts. T. Kemp, who had been in the Cheltenham College O.T.C., and was posted to D Company, Worksop; J. Kirkland, Uppingham School O.T.C., and J. M. G. Browne, Repton School O.T.C., both of whom were posted to B Company, Southwell.

Changes amongst Warrant Officers and Permanent Staff were few. C.S.M. W. Stokes, D.C.M., was a great loss to A Company when he retired in May, but an able successor was found in Sergt. L. W. Bell, M.M. Sergt. G. Dunkerley, Instructor at Southwell, left in February, and was replaced by Sergt. F. A. King, who joined from the 1st Battalion.

The following N.C.O.'s and Man of C Company qualified during the year for the Territorial Efficiency Medal: Sergt. B. Comery, Corpl. S. Crowder, and Pte. E. Evans.

There is little to record of the work of the Battalion during the early months of the year, when training was carried on along the lines laid down in the previous year. Courses were held for Company, Platoon, and Section Commanders at Derby in the spring, and a Tactical Scheme for Officers of the

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Brigade was held under Col. Goodman's supervision at Buxton at the end of June. This was also intended to provide an opportunity for Officers to see the proposed camping ground and training areas for the Annual Camp, but any hopes we may have entertained about Buxton being our rendezvous in August were dashed to the ground a little later, when the authorities decided that it was not wise for us to go there owing to an outbreak of smallpox in part of the area from which the Brigade is drawn. All our plans, therefore, had to be changed at the last moment, but the Brigade was extremely fortunate in finding an excellent site for camp at Carburton, a few miles from Worksop, which was kindly placed at our disposal by the Duke of Portland. Here we concentrated on Sunday, July 29th.

Thanks once more to the foresight of Captain Ramsden we were able to get to camp direct from our various Drill Halls by charabanc, thus saving an untold amount of trouble over train arrangements. Unfortunately, C Company were not allowed to join us for training owing to the existence of smallpox in the Mansfield area. Capt. Crewdson, however, came and made himself useful in many ways, as also did Major Wordsworth, whose activities ranged over a wide area. Padre Hales also stayed with us for the bulk of the training period. The first two days were mostly spent in preparations for the visit of the Prince of Wales to Worksop, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, July 31st. The Guard of Honour which was mounted at Worksop Station on his arrival was under the command of Capt. W. C. C. Weetman, M.C., and consisted of Lieut. G. N. B. Huskinson, 2nd Lieut. J. D. Renwick (who carried the King's Colour), 100 Other Ranks of D Company from Worksop and Retford, and the Band and Drums. The rest of the Battalion lined the streets of Worksop, along with the other three Battalions of the Brigade and the Lincoln and Leicester Brigade, who were in camp on the Plain Piece, Worksop. A word of praise is justly due to D Company on this occasion for the excellent show they put up; their steadiness and marching were quite first class. The rest of the first week was taken up with Platoon and Company training, and preliminary instruction of the Machine Gun Platoon and Signal Section. The latter

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had been reorganized earlier in the year, with half the Section at Southwell, under Sergt. J. T. Templeman, M.M., and half at Worksop, under Corpl. F. Beswick.

A Torchlight Tattoo was given by the Massed Bands and Drums of the Brigade on the Cricket Ground in front of Welbeck Abbey on August 2nd, but was very much marred by the high wind blowing, which put out most of the torches. Brigade Church Parade was held on Sunday, August 5th, and in the afternoon an " At Home " was given for the relations and friends of the Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men, when a large number gathered from all parts of the county. Tea was served in the Company Dining Tents, and the excellent repast provided reflects the greatest credit on the Quartermaster, Cook-Sergt. Chislett, and the Company Cooks, who prepared it. The cookhouse arrangements in general are deserving of all praise, and it is a great pleasure to record that in the Divisional Cookery Competition judged during camp we came second out of the twelve Battalions in the Division, being beaten by our neighbours, the 7th, by a small margin, 792 points to 778.

On Bank Holiday afternoon a representative detachment from the Battalion journeyed to Crich to witness the unveiling of the Sherwood Foresters War Memorial by Gen. Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O. A full account of this ceremony appeared in the last issue of the Regimental Annual.

Most of the second week was devoted to tactical exercises on the excellent training grounds kindly placed at the disposal of the Brigade by the Dukes of Portland and Newcastle and Lord Manvers. After a short morning's work on Tuesday, August 7th, the Brigade was inspected by Gen. Smith-Dorrien. In the two principal tactical exercises which were carried out we were matched against the 5th Battalion. The scene of operations was an area consisting mostly of scrubby heather, known as Budby South Forest, just south of Budby village. The heather was soft and spongy and made the going somewhat heavy. The general idea in both cases was that Budby South Forest was held by the rear-guard of a force withdrawing westwards, which was to delay as long as possible the advanced guard of an Eastland force moving by way of

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Perlethorpe. On the first occasion we were on the defensive, and a very instructive and interesting action was fought. On the second day we carried out the attack, and found that we had to negotiate the heather for some distance before bumping up against the enemy. The pace was decidedly fast. In fact Battalion Headquarters had difficulty in keeping up by a more or less direct and easy route, whilst the forward Companies found the going under a hot sun distinctly arduous. Some useful lessons were again learnt, and the more general employment of Umpires which was instituted proved of great value in the general direction of the battles and at the pow-wows afterwards.

Brigade Sports were held during the afternoon of August 8th on the picturesque Cricket Ground at Clumber, kindly lent by the Duke of Newcastle. There was not a large entry; in fact, judging from the few competitors who turned out on this and some previous occasions, one is rather led to the conclusion that Camp Sports are popular only with the professionals and have little attraction for the rank and file.

The usual Brigade Ceremonial Parade was held on the last day in camp on a portion of Welbeck Park, and a very good show was made. A rash order had been given that Officers were to carry swords on this occasion for the first time since the War. It says something for the care with which they had practised some of the more difficult motions that no casualties were inflicted on man or beast during the wielding of these weapons on the march past. The salute was taken by Major-Gen. C. C. Van Straubenzee, C.B., C.M.G., who had taken over command of the 46th Division earlier in the summer on its relinquishment by Major-Gen. Sir A. R. Hoskins, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The Colours were carried by 2nd Lieuts. T. Kemp and J. M. G. Browne. On the following day we struck camp and dispersed to our homes after a very pleasant and enjoyable fortnight's training.

Turning to Musketry, the principal item in what the Army Council are now pleased to call the " Weapon Training " part of the year's work, we must congratulate ourselves on the excellent results achieved during the year. The Weapon Training results of the four Battalions of the Brigade were tabulated by the Brigade Commander, and we were highly

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elated to find that not only had we the highest average score with the rifle (78·7), and the Lewis Gun (46·2), but that our Machine Gun Platoon also had the best average in the Brigade. In the Battalion, B Company headed the lists in all cases with an average of 79·7 for Trained Men, 75·6 for Recruits, and 55·3 for Lewis Gunners. The Musketry Cups were awarded as follows on the results of the firing in the Standard Tests :—

Highest Individual Score—

Trained Men : Sergt. L. A. Whitlam, C Company.

Recruits : H. Froggart and G. W. White, C Company, a tie.

Highest Figure of Merit—

Inter-Section (Rifle) : Lce.-Sergt. W. J. Ryde's Section, D Company.

Inter-Platoon : Lieut. J. Green's Platoon, B Company.

Inter-Company : Capt. T. A. Ford, B Company.

Highest Individual Score—

W.O.'s and Sergeants : Sergt. L. A. Whitlam, C Company.

Corporals and Lance-Corporals : Corpl. W. Bevill, B Company, and Lce.-Corpl. W. A. Porter, C Company, a tie.

Best Lewis Gun Section—

Lce.-Corpl. C. A. Richardson's Section, A Company.

The Annual Rifle Meeting was held on Trent Range on July 21st, and was a great success. The Inter-Section Rifle Competition was won by C Company, that for Lewis Guns by A Company, and the Young Soldiers' by D Company. In each of these competitions B Company were second. The Vickers Gun Competition was won by the Newark Section. C.Q.M.S. G. E. Bee, D Company, won that for W.O.'s, Sergeants, and Corporals, as well as the Gold Medal for the highest individual score.

Our heartiest congratulations to Capt. Ford and B Company for the excellent show they put up in the open competitions fired on local ranges in connection with the Territorial Army Rifle Association Meeting. In the B.S.A. Guns Challenge Trophy Competition they stood 6th, with a score of 204, and won a prize of £2, and in the Lewis Gun Trophy Competition they were 19th out of a total of 136.

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Boxing was perhaps not quite up to the standard of some previous years, but altogether was distinctly creditable. The outstanding feature was the success early in the year of our great stalwart, Corpl. C. E. Bryan, C Company, who added one more to his numerous honours by winning the semi-final round, Catch-weights, of the Imperial Services Boxing Championship at the Stadium Club, High Holborn. The Annual Battalion Competitions were held at Mansfield Drill Hall on December 15th, when the winners were as follows :—

Class A.—Open to W.O.'s and others who have fought previously :

Middle-weights : Pte. E. Bowman, C Company.
Light-weights : Pte. A. Smith, A Company.

Class B.—Novices.

Welter-weights : Pte. A. Martin, C Company.
Bantam-weights : Pte. B. Neal, D Company.
Fly-weights : Dmr. A. E. Marshall, B Company.

Class C.—Boys : Boy T. Chilton, B Company.

Two very interesting contests were also fought between members of the Battalion and representatives of the R.A.F., who kindly came over to help us. At the 46th Divisional Boxing Tournament, held at Leicester on February 22nd, 1924, the following won their competitions, and were selected as six out of the eight representatives chosen to represent the Division at the Territorial Army Championships at Liverpool the following month :—

Heavy-weights : Corpl. C. E. Bryan, C Company.
Light Heavy-weights : Pte. E. Bowman, C Company.
Middle-weights : Pte. H. Rodway, C Company.
Light-weights : Pte. A Smith, A Company.
Bantam-weights : Pte. W. Lye, A Company.
Fly-weights : Pte. J. H. Witts, C Company.

Unfortunately we were not in luck's way at this competition and just failed to win any contest.

In the first round of the Divisional Football Championship the Battalion team beat the Derbyshire Yeomanry Armoured

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Company by 3 goals to nil. In the next round we were drawn against the 4th Leicesters, but as so many members of our team were unable to play we had to scratch.

The autumn of 1923 began a series of changes amongst the Officers of the Battalion. Additions included 2nd Lieut. B. T. Steemson, who was gazetted on August 18th, and posted to C Company, having previously served in the Worksop College O.T.C., and on December 22nd our second M.O., Capt. W. Baxter, M.B., who has seen considerable war service with the R.A.M.C. In November Capt. Ramsden left us to rejoin his Regiment, to the regret of all with whom he had come in contact. He came to us "a stranger in a strange land," and left us the personal friend of every Officer and man in the Regiment. He takes with him the best wishes of us all for his future welfare. To his successor, Capt. J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C., who came to us from our 1st Battalion, we offer a warm welcome. His service dates from 1909, when he joined the Regiment in India. He remained there until 1912, when he was seconded for service with the West African Frontier Force. During the whole of the War he was campaigning in the Cameroons and East Africa, returning to England early in 1919 to rejoin the 1st Battalion at Aldershot.

Col. Abel Smith's term of command closed in February, 1924. He had carried out the difficult task of reforming the Battalion after the War, a task in which he had the loyal support and co-operation of all ranks, and his success is proved by the rapid progress which the Battalion made towards becoming efficient. We are proud of the fact that he has been honoured by being appointed to command the 139th Brigade in succession to Col. G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. His successor, Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, needs little or no introduction, but for the benefit of those who do not know, we may say that he served with the Battalion for many years before the War, and went out to France with it as second-in-command, early in 1915. After several months' service in and near the Ypres Salient he had to return to England on account of sickness, but went back to France in 1917 and took over the 2/6th Sherwood Foresters. He was in command of that unit at the battle of Cambrai, 1917, and

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second-in-command at the time of the German onslaught in March, 1918, when most of his Battalion became casualties, and he himself was captured and forced to spend the rest of the War as a prisoner in Germany. Major A. L. Ashwell, D.S.O., succeeded him as second-in-command, having handed over A Company to Capt. C. Davenport, who returns to Company duty after winning many laurels with the Transport both in peace and war. Major G. Clarke, O.B.E., rejoined the Battalion in April, having been seconded as D.A.A. and Q.M.G. to the 46th Division since its re-formation after the War.

The preliminary training of 1924 followed on normal lines. Numerous courses were held at Derby in the spring, and were in all cases well attended. The following Officers attended Weapon Training Courses at the Depot at various times and duly qualified: Lieuts. G. H. Alcock, A. Jepson, E. C. Spencer, and J. Green, and 2nd Lieut. J. M. G. Browne. 2nd Lieut. B. T. Steemson attended an initial Course at the Depot in March and April. 2nd Lieut. B. H. Dowson was promoted Lieutenant on January 10th, and 2nd Lieut. J. D. Renwick on July 3rd. C.S.M. J. Gibson was sent from the 1st Battalion as Permanent Staff Instructor of D Company at Worksop early in January to fill the vacancy caused by the much-regretted death of C.S.M. G. W. Fitzjohn, M.M., a day or two before Christmas. The latter had done much excellent work in re-forming D Company after the War, and his death was a great loss not only to the Company, but to the whole Battalion. R.Q.M.S. F. A. Pritchard, M.S.M., relinquished his appointment in May, owing to his departure from the district, and was succeeded by C.S.M. T. Powell, D Company. This led to the promotion of C.Q.M.S. G. E. Bee, M.S.M., to be C.S.M. of D Company, and Sergt. W. Matthews to be C.Q.M.S. About the same time C Company lost a gallant war veteran in the person of C.Q.M.S. J. L. Peach, D.C.M., who retired on the expiration of his service, and was succeeded by Sergt. W. Harrison.

A very successful week-end Camp was held by C Company at Clipstone Forest at the end of April in order to make some amends for their not having been allowed to attend the previous Annual Camp at Carburton owing to smallpox.

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Five Officers and 86 Other Ranks attended, and spent a most instructive time.

In order to give us a seaside camp, arrangements were made to send the Brigade for annual training to the Isle of Man, and after some difficulty a suitable site was eventually found at Knockaloe, rather more than a mile south of Peel, on the west side of the island. The experience, novel to many, of crossing the sea on a troopship, was at any rate useful from the point of view of general training. The sea was exceptionally calm both on the outward and return journeys, and many of us were not above confessing that the outing was on that account all the more enjoyable. We assembled at Liverpool by two trains in the early hours of Sunday, July 27th, and crossed in company with the 6th and 7th Battalions on the ss. *King Orry*. It took little time to disembark at Peel, and a short march brought us to the Camp, on the site of a large War-time Alien Encampment. We mustered all told 20 Officers and 550 Other Ranks. There were, of course, a few absentees, but it is interesting to observe how rapidly discharges can reduce the strength of a unit, as at the end of May we had a total of 634, only two short of establishment. Major R. J. Wordsworth, D.S.O., joined us from the Reserve, and took over the duties of Brigade Transport Officer.

From the very first we were unfortunate in the matter of weather. Trouble began the first night, when Jupiter Pluvius did all in his power to make us uncomfortable, a heavy downpour transforming the camp into a veritable quagmire. Similar weather continued for the whole of the first week and the early part of the second, rendering the camp most dismal, and training on anything like progressive lines quite impossible. During fine intervals a certain amount of useful work was carried out on ground near camp, and when rain intervened we did what we could by lectures and sand-table schemes in the mess tents. Capt. B. G. Allen, who was attached to us from the Depot, gave interesting lectures and excellent demonstrations with a section of N.C.O.'s, showing the action of section scouts in an attack and that of a patrol.

During the second week more advanced work was attempted and considerable progress made in Company training in the

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attack, and later in Battalion attacks. One of the latter was against a skeleton enemy and carried out under the direction of the Brigade Commander. The other was against the 6th Battalion. Both these took place on a stretch of moorland near a prominent hill known as South Barrule. The area was intersected by a number of small watercourses, in parts dry, but in others forming bogs, which required considerable skill to negotiate. The principal features were two disused lead mines. The two attacks afforded opportunities for all Companies to come into action at some period of the operations. On the whole the results were distinctly good, and seemed to show that, considering the short time available for training, considerable progress had been made. We cannot leave this part of the story without recording our great appreciation of the painstaking way in which the noble band of Umpires worked on these occasions, and the assistance they gave us in discussing problems and in many other ways.

On Saturday, August 9th, the Brigade was reviewed by Lt.-Gen. Sir C. Harington, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., who had succeeded Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., as G.O.C. Northern Command. The Brigade undoubtedly made a very fine show. The parade took place on gently rising ground near the camp, an ideal spot, except that the surface was rather uneven. The weather was bright and a gentle breeze was blowing. A pleasant splash of colour was afforded by the Massed Bands and Drums of the Brigade, all for the first time since the War in "Full Dress." In passing, let us add our meed of praise to Bandmaster Coyne and Sergt.-Drummer Brittle, without whom the Band and Drums could not have reached their present pitch of excellence. On the way back to camp we marched past in fours. It was most gratifying to hear that Gen. Harington was much impressed at the turn-out. The Colours were carried by Lieut. J. D. Renwick and 2nd Lieut. J. Kirkland. In the afternoon camp was struck, and after a rather dismal period of waiting we marched off about 3 a.m. on Sunday, August 10th, went on board the ss. *Mona* in Peel Harbour, and sailed for England at 5 a.m. We reached Liverpool just before midday, and marched to the Central Station, where we were soon put into two trains and borne off to our homes in the

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Midlands. Given fair weather, such as we had during the last two days, little fault could be found with the Isle of Man as a camping ground.

The Annual Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Trent Range on July 5th, but owing to some unfortunate delay the Lewis Gun Competition could not be finished. The Inter-Section Plate Competition was won by B Company (No. 7 Section), A Company (No. 5 Section) being second, and the Young Soldiers' Competition by C Company, with D Company second. The Vickers Gun Competition was won by the Newark Section. The Competition for W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s was again won by C.S.M. G. E. Bee, D Company, and that for Lance-Corporals and Privates by Pte. Mather, B Company, who also won the T.A.R.A. Silver Medal for the highest score.

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THE STORY OF OUR FIRST BATTLE HONOUR

JOURNAL OF THE SIEGE OF LOUISBURG

By Lieut. W. A. Gordon, 40th Regt.

(From a MS. in the Royal United Service Institution.)

COMMANDING Officers on the Expedition against the Fortress of Louisburg were :—

Of the Army

Major-Gen. Jeffery Amherst, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's forces to be employed on the Island of Cape Breton, etc.

Brig.-Gen. Edward Whitmore.

Brig.-Gen. Charles Lawrence.

Brig.-Gen. James Wolfe.

Of the Navy

The Honble. Edward Boscawen, Admiral of His Majesty's Blue Squadron.

Sir Charles Hardy, Knight, Rear-Admiral of the White.

Phillip Durell, Esq., Commodore.

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The Army consisted of the following Regiments :—

Colonels of Corps.	Regiments.	Bns.	Colonels.	Lt.-Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Chaplains.	Adjutants.	Qr.-Masters.	Surgeons.	Surg. Mates.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.
Lieut.-Gen. James St. Clair	1	2d	—	1	1	7	20	9	1	1	1	1	2	38	18	854
Major-Gen. Jeffery Amherst	15	—	1	1	1	8	18	7	1	1	1	1	2	35	19	763
Brig.-Gen. John Forbes	17	—	—	1	1	7	10	9	—	1	1	1	1	29	20	660
Brig.-Gen. Edward Whitmore ..	22	—	1	1	—	8	17	8	—	1	1	1	2	37	20	910
Lieut.-Gen. Phillip Bragg	28	—	—	1	1	7	9	8	1	1	1	1	1	30	20	627
Lieut.-Gen. Charles Otway	35	—	—	1	—	5	12	5	—	1	1	1	1	20	14	566
Major-Gen. Sir Thos. Hopson ..	40	—	—	1	—	7	16	6	—	1	1	1	2	30	16	550
Lieut.-Gen. Hugh Warburton ..	45	—	—	1	1	6	17	6	—	1	1	1	1	38	19	864
Lieut.-Gen. Per. Lascelles	47	—	—	1	1	5	15	9	—	1	1	1	2	38	18	857
Col. Daniel Webb	48	—	—	1	1	7	16	8	1	1	1	1	2	38	20	932
Col. Robert Anstruther	58	—	—	1	—	8	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	26	15	615
Honble Col. Robert Monckton ..	60	2d	—	—	1	6	20	7	—	1	1	1	2	39	20	925
Brig.-Gen. Charles Lawrence.. ..	60	3d	1	—	1	6	16	7	—	—	1	1	2	35	17	814
Col. Simon Frazer	78	2d	1	—	1	10	22	10	1	1	1	1	2	43	22	1,084
Effective total	—	—	4	11	10	97	216	106	6	13	14	14	23	476	256	11,020

Lieut.-Col. Scott with 5 captains, 12 lieutenants, 5 ensigns, 1 surgeon, 24 sergeants, 2 drummers, and 499 rank and file of Rangers were added.

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The Royal Train of Artillery, commanded by Col. George Williamson :—

Colonels.	Captains.	Captain Lt.	1st Lieuts.	2nd Lieuts.	Lieut. F. Workers.	Adjutants.	Qr.-Masters.	Surgeons.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Drummers.	Effective Total.
1	3	2	6	5	4	1	1	2	11	14	28	63	165	7	324

11 Miners not included in the Return of the Artillery.

Engineers

Col. John Henry Bastide

1. Patrick Makeller.
2. Matthew Dixon.
3. George Weston.
4. John Brewsa.
6. William Bontein.
7. Adam Williamson.
5. Hugh Debbing.
8. William Spry.
9. Augustus Durnford.
10. John Montresor.

* It will be noticed that some of these do not total correctly.—Editor.

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The Fleet consisted of the following ships :—

Admirals.	Ships' Names.	No. of Guns.	Commanders' Names.
Honble. Edward Boscawen, Esq. Sir Charles Hardy, Knight. Phillip Durell, Esq.	Namur	90	Captain Buckle.
	Royal William ..	84	,, Evans.
	Princess Amelia ..	80	,, Bray.
	Dublin	74	,, Rodney.
	Terrible	74	,, Collins.
	Northumberland ..	70	Rt. Honble. Lord Colvil.
	Vanguard	70	Captain Swanton.
	Orford	70	,, Spry.
	Burford	70	,, Gambier.
	Somerset	70	,, Hughes.
	Lancaster	70	Honble. George Edgecomb.
	Devonshire	66	Captain Gordon.
	Bedford	64	,, Fowke.
	Captain	64	,, Amherst.
	Prince Frederick ..	64	,, Man.
	Pembroke	60	,, Simcoe.
	Kingston	60	,, Parry.
	York	60	,, Piggot.
	Prince of Orange ..	60	,, Ferguson.
	Defiance	60	,, Baird.
	Nottingham	60	,, Marshall.
	Centurion	54	,, Mantle.
	Sutherland	50	,, Rouse.
3	23	1,544	23

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Juno.	Hind.	Hunter.
Diana.	Portmahon.	Scarborough.
Boreas.	Nightingale.	Hawke.
Trent.	Kennington.	Etna.
Gramont.	Squirrel.	Lightening.
Shannon.	Beaver.	Tyloe.

About 144 sail of transports, etc., with troops, stores, and artillery.

General Orders given at Hallifax by Brigadier Lawrence, Thursday, 18th May.

The following Orders given by Major-Gen. Abercrombie to be strictly obeyed :—

New York, 29th April, 1758.—When the troops are on board the transports, they are to be upon the same allowance as last year, according to the printed tables, viz. :—

Six men to 4 men's allowance, Officers included in the order, which is two-thirds allowance in the Navy; after they disembark they are to have their full allowance, according contractor agrees it ; but all Officers whatever from the day of the Regiments embarking or taking the field until the day of their entering quarters are to have only one ration per day and the order of the 26th November, 1757, for the allowance given in lieu of provisions to cease on the embarkation of the Regiments or Companys.

Saturday, 20th.—The following Officers are to be employed on the expedition as assisting engineers :—

Mr. Collins Mr. Mitchel Mr. Tonge	45th Regiment.
Mr. Peach Mr. Goddard	47th.
Mr. Cuthbert	63rd.
Mr. Benzell	Royals.
Mr. Holland	Royal Americans.

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The Regiments to be employed on the present expedition are to be put into Brigades in the following manner :—

First Brigade, commanded by Col. Monckton, consists of the Royals, 47th, 2nd Battalion of Royal Americans and the 28th Regiments.

Second, commanded by Col. Murray, consists of the 15th, 35th, 40th and 63rd Regiments.

Third, commanded by Col. Burton, consists of the 17th, 40th, and 58th Regiments.

Fourth, commanded by Col. Wilmot,* consists of the 22nd, 45th and 3rd Battalion of Royal Americans.

The 1st and 3rd Brigades to compose the Right Wing of the Army, the 2nd and 4th the Left. The Royals, 40th and 47th embarked this day. Yesterday the 45th.

Sunday, 21st.—Upon the firing three guns from the battery before the Governor's house all Officers and Soldiers are to repair on board their respective ships, and no person whatever is afterwards to come on shore without the Admiral's or Governor's express leave.

The Grenadiers of the Army and two or three of the eldest Regiments will probably be the first to land, unless the Admiral finds it necessary from the situation of the transports or other circumstances to order it otherways.

The boats of the ordnance ships as well as the rest will be employed in landing the first body of men, except such a number as are requisite to carry on shore the light six pounders ; those of the hospital ships will be solely employed for the use and assistance of any men that may happen to be wounded—a place of rendezvous will be appointed for the boats when the landing is fix'd upon. The seamen that row the transport boats are not to have fire-arms.

When the troops are ordered to land, Officers are to go into the boats in proportion to the number of men without crowding, and particularly if there is any swell or surff.

The Admiral will order some light empty boats to save the men that may fall into the sea by accident.

* Of the 45th Foot, Colonel in America, 11th January, 1758.

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The first body that's ordered to land at Gabarus Bay must take nothing in the boats but their arms and ammunition, with bread and cheese in their pockets for two days.

All the tents and blankets of the troops that lands first to be bundled up ready to be carried on shore after they beat the enemy.

Provisions to be prepared at a proper time on shore after the troops.

Trusty persons to be left in every ship to superintend and take care of the baggage and provisions.

No women are permitted to land until the Army are all on shore, and their tents, blankets, provisions, and necessarys are likewise landed.

An Officer commanding a boat shall be answerable that no man fires from out that boat.

There has been examples of men fixing their bayonets in boats, but the practice is so absurd that it seems hardly necessary to forbid it. Bayonets are fix'd in a moment after landing.

As fast as the men get out of the boats they must form and march directly forwards to clear the beach and charge whatever is before them. They are not to persue far, but will be ordered to take post so as effectually to secure the landing of the rest of the army.

The Commander of the Grenadiers and all the Field Officers employed in the first landing are to embark into the light rowing boats that they may lead their respective corps and give their orders readily.

The transports of the Regiment of Artillery and the Corps of Rangers must keep as much together as possible that when a signal is made for any particular Corps it may be in readiness to act. As this depends in a great measure on the masters of transports they must be desired to endeavour to affect it, but if the Admiral should think proper that the boats of every transport without regard to Corps should bring away as many men as they safely contain to any particular place of rendezvous, then the Commanding Officer of every ship is to make choice of good men under proper Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers that the first attack may be carried on with spirit and vigor.

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Colonels and Field Officers will be named to command every Regiment, as they know the number of men their boats can hold, will send Captains in proportion and give them directions to be ready, before they leave this harbour there may be occasion to detach the schooners and sloops, a signal will be appointed for them.

Monday, 22nd.—Experience having discovered that ginger and sugar mixt with the water of America prevents the ill effects of it and preserves the men from fluxes and fevers better than anything yet found out, Brigadier Lawrence does therefore in the strongest manner recommend the use of it to the troops.

Any of the volunteers that choose to serve with the Light Infantry till the trenches are opened are at liberty to do it, taking care to be provided with a good cloak or blanket and a good quantity of ammunition.

As there is no provision of buntein or other materials for making distinguishing vanes, the Regiments are to endeavour to procure it for themselves so as at least to know the ships of their own Corps, and to distinguish in particular a Commanding Officer's ship.

Wednesday, 24th.—If the fleet does not sail to-morrow the Regiments are to get into the boats of their transports as they can, long boat is to be tow'd by a rowing boat, but is to use oars besides.

The troops to assemble by Brigades at three different rendezvous, and there watch for the signal to land, which will be a gun from the North Battery.

The 1st Brigade is to assemble at the *Sheffield* transport who will have a tack at the fore top gallant mast head, and to land on the beach to the right of Dartmouth Cove.

The two center Brigades are to rendezvous at the *Elizabeth* transport, who will have a tack at the main top gallant mast head and to land at that part of Dartmouth where the block houses were made.

The left Brigade to assemble at the *Nancy* transport, who will have a tack at the mizen top mast head, and to land without the pallisades at the north end of Dartmouth.

The boats of the Regiments are to be ranged as the Corps are stationed in their respective Brigades. They are to row

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ashore in a line abreast, and a signal will be given at nine o'clock.

A Field Officer of each Corps is to attend, the whole to be under the direction of the Colonels of their respective Brigades.

Thursday, 25th.—If the fleet does not sail, the troops are to be landed again to-morrow at the same hour. Places of rendezvous and signals as to-day, with this difference only that the Brigade under the command of Col. Wilmot is to assemble and land with the Left commanded by Col. Murray.

No exchange to be made in the troops but the same identical men to go on shore to-morrow as did to-day.

Friday, 26th.—The Commanding Officers of Regiments and the Officer commanding the Rangers are to take care that the Articles of War be read on board the transports of their respective Corps before they leave the Harbour of Hallifax.

When the Admiral would speak with the Commanding Officers of Regiments he will put abroad a white pendant with a blue cross at the main top mast head.

Saturday, 27th.—Thirty private men from the 15th Regiment, 30 from the 48th, and 30 from the Highlanders, are to repair on board the *Restoration* transport and to be employed hereafter as pioneers, a pick-axe and spade for each man are already put on board by the Commanding Officer of Artillery.

A subaltern Officer from one of these Corps is to embark with the men to take care of them and preserve good order on board.

If any of the "Hatchet" men that embark'd there before by mistake are still in that vessel they are to return immediately to their respective Corps.

When the fleet shall arrive at the Island of Cape Breton, if the Grenadiers are ordered to land in one body, they are to have each Battalion a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and 2 Majors and land each as many men as they can put into.

They are to be under the orders of 3 Colonels, 1 Lieutenant-Colonel and 4 Majors, the Officers for these commands to be taken according to seniority and if both the Grenadiers and Battalion men are commanded upon the same service then the whole body will receive directions from Brig.-Gen. Wolfe.

The disembarkation of the Grenadiers is to be commanded

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by Col. Monckton, Lieut-Col. Fletcher, Major Farquhar, and Major Murray, that of the Battalion men is to be commanded by Col. Murray, Col. Burton, Col. Wilmot, Lieut.-Col. Handfield, Major Provost, Major Darby, Major Clephane, and Major Hamilton.

Minutes of the Siege of Louisbourg

Sunday, 28th.—The signal being made according to the orders of the 21st and the troops all on board, Admiral Boscawen sail'd with the squadron and transports. Off Cape Sambro we met the *Dublin* from England with Gen. Amherst, who went on board the *Namur* and Capt. Rodney proceeded to Hallifax. The *Hawke*, bomb ketch, convoying the 28th Regiment from Chignecto in the Bay of Fundy. The detachments of the several Corps from Lunenburg. The *Kennington* from England, and the *Essex* transport from Madeira, with an Officer of the 40th and another of the 45th Regiments who was on board the men of war the time the violent storm when the *Tilbury* was lost off Louisbourg.

Saturday, 3rd June.—After a favourable passage, nothing happening particular, except Col. Monckton being ordered back to Hallifax and Gen. Whitmore to join the Army in his room, we came to an anchor about 5 o'clock in the morning in Gabarus Bay, the Admiral with a few ships getting in yesterday.

Saw small encampments along the shore with batterys here and there. The *Kennington* hawl'd and played upon one of 2 guns for several hours, the enemy, returning the fire, killed 3 and wounded 6 men on board the frigate.

Orders given this day by General Amherst

Major-Gen. Amherst having receiv'd His Majesty's orders to land the forces under his command upon the Island of Cape Breton and to besiege and attack and besiege the town of Louisbourg in conjunction with the fleet, and Brig.-Gen. Lawrence having in conformity to the King's command used the utmost despatch in preparing everything for that end: the Major-General will prosecute it with the utmost vigor, in which he expects to be seconded by the zeal and valor of the troops.

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His Majesty and the nation have their eyes fix'd upon the operations of this great fleet and army: their union and mutual good inclinations promise success, neither side it is hoped will be wanting in their best endeavour to deserve it.

The troops must pay exact obedience to all orders and they may be assured of the most impartial justice.

It is recommended to them to live in great friendship and harmony, to assist each other and to carry on publick business as becomes (illegible) to do honor to themselves and to their country by their behaviour.

A sufficient quantity of provisions and stores of all kinds are come in the fleet: no care or attention will be wanting for the subsistence and preservation of the troops such as our situation will allow of. There will be an hospital and in time it is hop'd there will be fresh meat for the sick or wounded men, and it is not doubted but the commanders of Corps will in every respect have due regard to health and welfare of their soldiers: on the other hand the least murmur or complaint against any part of duty will be check'd with great severity, and any backwardness in sight of the enemy will be punished with immediate death.

If any man is villain enough to desert his Colours and go to the enemy, he shall be excepted in the capitulation and hang'd with infamy as a traitor.

When any of our troops are to attack the French Regular forces they are to march close up to them, discharge their pieces loaded with two bullets, and then rush upon them with their bayonets, and the commander of the Highlanders may, when he sees occasion, order his Corps to run upon them with their drawn swords.

A body of light troops are now training to oppose the Indians, Canadians, and other painted savages of the island, who will entertain them in their own way and preserve the women and children of the Army from their unnatural barbarity. Indians, spur'd on by our inveterate enemy the French, are the only brutes and cowards in the creation who were ever known to exercise their crueltys upon the sex, and to scalp and mangle the poor sick soldiers and defenceless women. When the light troops have by practice and experience acquir'd as much caution and circumspection as they

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have spirit and activity these howling barbarians will fly before them.

The Army under the fire and protection of the Fleet will land, perhaps if the wind favors, in the face of the enemy, or we may attempt it perhaps at different parts of the island, that by dividing their forces we may be sure to succeed somewhere.

When the troops, artillery, stores, &c., are all landed, in which the troops must exert themselves to assist, the business is half done.

The camp will be slightly intrenched or pallissaded that the men may be quiet in their tents, and that the convoys may not be expos'd to the shot of a miserable lurking mick-mack whose trade is not war but murder.

The troops may expect some cannon shot and a feeble opposition at landing, but those and other obstacles the British Grenadiers supported by the Battalions will easily overcome.

If any body of men are detatch'd to get footing to the eastward of the harbour, the commander when he has landed his men must possess himself advantageously and send immediate to the Admiral and General of his situation.

Officers must be extremely vigilant in their duty throughout the whole campaign and obstinate in defence of any post committed to their charge.

Drunkenness in general is forbid, but a man that is drunk on any part of his duty will be punish'd without mercy.

The Commanding Officers of Regiments shall be answerable for the behaviour of their sutlers and that nothing be sold by them that may hurt the men, or indeed induce disorder and irregularity in the Army; the General will encourage a market for provisions, beer, and other necessarys for the troops. No person whatsoever shall presume to sutle in the Army without his particular permission.

It is strictly ordered that the soldiers of all Regiments do pay the same respect and obedience to the Officers of other Corps as to their own. Distinction of the sort is inconsistent with His Majesty's service and not to be permitted in a well disciplin'd Army.

The pioneers of the Army will be pay'd the usual allowance

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when they work upon the trenches and batterys, sap or mines, and when volunteers are wanted for any act of vigor the General will pay and reward them in proportion to their merit and behaviour.

Great care must be taken of the arms and ammunition and such reparations made to the firelocks as may be requisite, a constant fire from the trenches will destroy the arms unless there be continual repairs.

Reports are to be made to the Colonels commanding Brigades by the Regiments under their orders and by the Colonels to the Brigadier commanding the wings.

Major Barry is Major of Brigade of the Right Wing and Major Dobson of the Left.

The subaltern officers' servants are to do all dutys with them, and a Captain shall only exempt one man of his Company from the duty of the siege.

As the air of Cape Breton is moist and foggy there must be a particular attention to the fire arms upon duty that they may be kept dry and always fit for use, and the Light Infantry should fall upon some method to secure these arms from the dews and droping of the trees when they are in search of the enemy.

The commander of the light troops must teach his Corps to attack and defend themselves judiciously, always endeavouring to get upon the enemy's flank, and equally watchful to prevent their surrounding them. They must be instructed to choose good posts and to lay themselves in ambuscade to advantage, to be alert, silent, vigilant and obedient, ready at all times to turn out without the least noise or the least confusion. They must always march in files and generally fight in a single rank, pushing at the enemy when they see them in confusion and that the ground favors their efforts, never persue with too much eagerness nor to give way except a very great unequality of numbers.

The signals to row ashore will be three guns from the *Sutherland*, repeated from the Admiral.

Altho' Highlanders, Light Infantry and Irregulars are a separate attack upon the Left, yet when they land they are to consider themselves part of the Left Wing and immediately under the command of Brig.-Gen. Lawrence.

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The Field Officers of the right attack for the Grenadiers, Col. Murray, Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, Major Farquhar, and Major Murray.*

Detachment of the Right Wing, Col. Burton, Col. Forster, Major Prevost and Major Darby.

The Officers of the center attack or detachment of the Left are Col. Wilmot, Lt.-Col. Handfield, Major Hamilton, and Major Hussey.

All the remaining Field Officers of the Army are to come ashore with the second disembarkation.

As Braggs' Regiment is to be detatched for particular duty they are not to furnish Grenadiers for the Right attack, and the whole Highlanders is to be employ'd with the Light Infantry and Irregulars on the Left.

Capt. Amherst and Capt. Darcey are appointed to act as Aid de Camps to Major-Gen. Amherst.

Lieut. Tonge of Gen. Warburton's Regiment is to attend on the Deputy Quarter-Master-General on the landing of the troops.

Col. Frazier's Company of Grenadiers in the *Princess Amelia's* boats will row to join their own Regiment. Gabarus Bay is about three leagues by sea from the Harbour of Louisbourg to the south west of it.

Sunday, 4th.—A hard gale and foggy, the *Trent* struck, unship'd her rudder, made repeated signals of distress, got off with great difficulty, assistance being given her by the other ships. The transports in danger of driving ashore suffer'd much in their cables and anchors.

General Orders

As the surf is so great that the disposition of landing in three divisions cannot take place, and the men of war cannot be carried near enough to the shore of the bay within the White Point to cover the landing there, the General, not to lose a moment of time, has thought proper to order that an attack be made upon the little intrenchments within the fresh water cove with four Companys of Grenadiers followed by the Light Infantry and Irregulars, who are to be supported

* 45th Foot.

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by the Highland Regiment and those of the remaining eight Companys of Grenadiers, that no body, Regulars or Irregulars, may dare stand before them. These detatchments are to be commanded by Brig.-Gen. Wolfe.

The detatchments of the Left Wing under Brig.-Gen. Lawrence are to draw up as was before ordered behind the frigates of the center attack, in readiness if the weather permits to run ashore upon the opposite beach, or if not to follow the Grenadiers when it is judg'd necessary.

The Right Wing to draw up to the right, as in the orders of yesterday opposite to the bay, that is, on this side of the White Point, to fix the enemy's attention, or to follow the troops of the Left Wing when they shall receive orders for that purpose.

The boats of this division are to keep out a mile and a half or two miles distant from the land, extending in a considerable length of line.

As the Grenadiers are now to assemble towards the Left instead of the Right, the Captains must be attentive to the red flag in Brig.-Gen. Wolfe's boat, which is to be the center of their line, and range themselves accordingly.

The detatchments of the Right Wing must have the same attention to Brig.-Gen. Whitmore's flag and those of the Left Wing to Brig.-Gen. Lawrence's flag, and the whole to assemble at the different posts immediately after the signal is made to prepare to land.

The four oldest Companys of Grenadiers are to attack first, the Royal and Forbes' under the command of Lieut.-Col. Fletcher in a little bay upon the right, Amherst's and Whitmore's under the command of Major Murray in another little bay upon the left. The Field Officers and Captains will receive their particular instructions from Brig.-Gen. Wolfe.

They must avoid huddling together and running into a lump, in such a situation they are a fair mark for their adversaries and are not able to employ their arms to purpose.

When these men use their powder horns to load they must take particular care not to put too much powder into their pieces, and to have paper ready or tow to charge within proper portions, the evolutions and movements of these

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bodys or the ready forming in a variety of situations will be regulated hereafter.

The Commanding Officers of Regiments, Captains of Companys and other Officers are to read and explain to the men all the orders that concern them, taking great care to inform them of every part of their duty, and showing them upon all occasions examples worthy of their imitation.

The Army is to land and attack the French in three different bodys and at three different places. All the Grenadiers and detatchments of the Right Wing land upon the right in the bay within the White Point, the Light Infantry, Irregulars and Highlanders are to land in the fresh water cove in order to take the enemy in flank and rear and cut some of them off from the town.

The men of war are ordered to each of those places to scour the port and protect the troops at their landing, the Grenadiers are to draw up as they lay in their Brigades upon the right of the right attack, and to rendezvous in a line behind a boat with a red flag in which Brig.-Gen. Wolfe will be.

The detatchments of the Right Wing are to assemble in a line as they are in the Brigades behind a boat with a white flag, where Brig.-Gen. Whitmore will be.

The detatchments of the Left Wing are to rendezvous in the same manner behind a boat with a blue flag, where Brig.-Gen. Lawrence will command.

The Highlanders, Light Infantry and Irregulars are to rendezvous to the right of the island lying before the fresh water cove to be ready to row in the cove when the signal is given.

After the Grenadiers are landed and have taken post along the intrenchments the Light Infantry are to land, push forward into the wood and force the enemy's Irregulars to retire.

Monday, 5th.—Very foggy and a great surge.

Tuesday, 6th.—Rain and fog. It was thought proper on an appearance of change of weather to make an attempt of landing the troops, the signal made, the boats they debark'd in row'd near the shore, but Capt. Gambier who was sent to reconoitre the beach reporting that the surge was too high

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and a violent shower of rain coming on the troops were ordered to reimbark.

Wednesday, 7th.—The fog cleared, discover'd a chain of works that the French had all along the shore. Surge continued still high.

Bragg's Regiment detach'd by the mouth of the harbour in the small craft in which they came down the Bay of Fundy to make a show of landing at Lorambic and draw the enemy's attention that way ; cannonaded as they got near Louisbourg from the Barbet Batterys towards the sea.

General Orders

If the surf should be so great that the troops cannot land this afternoon the General intends to attack the enemy to-morrow at the dawn of day unless the weather is so bad as to make it impracticable.

The boats are to assemble in three divisions as before, the Right Wing at the *Violet*, transport, where there will be three lights hung upon the off side near the water's edge.

The Left Wing at the *St. George's*, transport, with two lights hung in the same manner.

The rendezvous of the Grenadiers, &c., will be at the *Neptune*, transport, where a single light will be hung out.

As the General's intentions are to surprise the French as well as to attack them, he depends upon the care and vigilance of the Officers commanding transports that his orders be strictly comply'd with.

The troops are to be in their boats at two o'clock exactly.

No lights are to be shew'd in any of the transports except the signals above mentioned after twelve o'clock at night, and there must be a profound silence throughout the Army, and above all the firing of a single musquet must be avoided.

The men of war's boats will be sent to their respective transports by one in the morning.

The General is sufficiently convinced of the good disposition of the troops by what he has already seen ; he desires they will not hollow or cry out at landing, but be attentive to the commands of their Officers, by which they can be never put into confusion or fail of success. Their Officers will lead them directly to the enemy.

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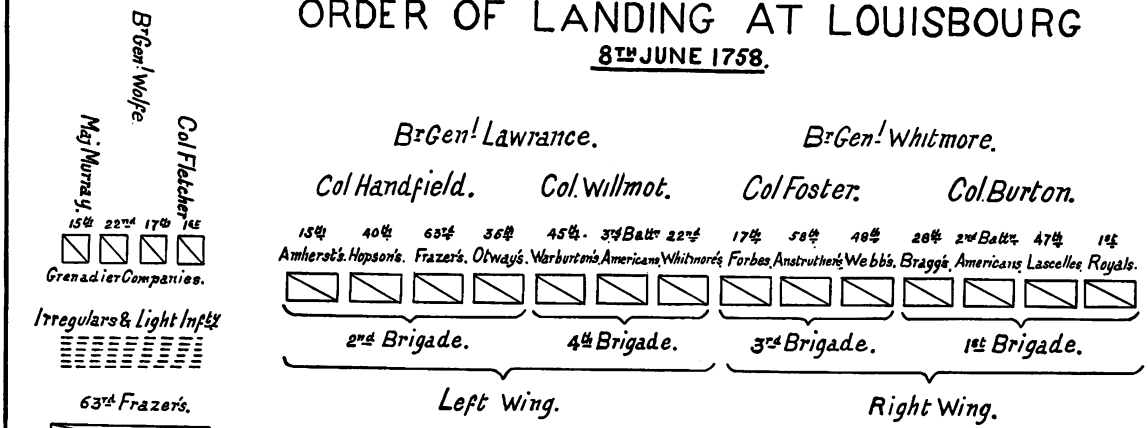

The 63d Frazer's and 28th Bragg's are put in the Line to shew their Brigades, though the former was on the left attack as seen by the above and the latter with their Grenadiers were gone on other service as mentioned in the Journal.

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If the Admiral or General should think proper to alarm the enemy in the beginning of the night, the troops are to take no notice but to prepare themselves to obey their orders.

Thursday, 8th.—At the hour appointed the boats attended the transports, the troops debark'd and found, according to orders, men of war stationed to cover the landing in the following manner :—

The *Sutherland* and *Squirrel* on the right near White Point, the *Kennington* and *Hallifax Snow* on the left near the cove the Grenadiers, &c., were to land, and the *Gramont, Diana*, and *Shannon* in the center. At the dawn they began a most heavy cannonade on the enemy's works on shore, they making a feeble return and throwing shells at the boats, at the same time lining their entrenchments.

When the fire from the ships was thought sufficient the signal was made for the Grenadiers, &c., to row into the cove, which they accordingly did. The enemy began a very hot fire of musquetry and swivels in front from their intrenchments, and the same with grape from their batterys in flank. After standing this some time still rowing for the shore, a small body of the Light Infantry, commanded by Lieuts. Hopkins, Brown and Ensign Grant of the 35th Regiment, seeing a convenient place on the right of the cove that is free from the enemy's fire, the surge being equally or more violent than in the cove, made for it, and getting ashore, were soon followed by the whole, came upon the flank and back of the enemy, drove them, and Brigadier-Gen. Wolfe with a small body persued within cannonade of the town.

The Right and Left Wings landed afterwards and were follow'd by the second embarkation. The line was form'd and march'd nearer the town, lay'd out the encampment for the Army, every Corps taking up their own ground.

The loss we sustained this day was :—

KILL'D

Of Amherst's, Lieut. Nicholson, 4 Sergeants, 1 Corporal and 38 ; of the whole, 21 with the above mentioned Officer of the 15th were drowned, a shot of the enemy taking place

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sunk their boat. Of the Highlanders Capt. Baillie and Lieut. Cuthbert.

WOUNDED

Five Lieutenants, 2 Sergeants, 1 Corporal and 51 Privates. The Officers' names were, of the Royals, Lieuts. Fitsymonds, Bailey and Fenton; of Whitmore's, Lieut. Butler; of the Highland Regiment, Lieut. Frazier who, with Fenton, afterwards died of their wounds.

Of the Rangers, Ensign Cruthers and 3 Privates kill'd, 1 wounded and 1 missing.

On the enemy's side, 2 Captains of Grenadiers and 2 Lieutenants with about 70 Regulars, Canadians, &c., were made prisoners, 1 Officer kill'd with an Indian chieff and several other men.

Took from the French three 24 pounders, seven 9, seven 6, 14 swivels and 2 mortars, which were plac'd along the shore and a continuation of the intrenchment to prevent our landing, with ammunition, tools and stores of all kinds.

The obstacles the troops had to surmount landing was an enemy posted to the greatest advantage: their intrenchments being 15 feet above high mark, the approaches to which was render'd impracticable by large trees being lay'd very thick together upon the beach all round the cove, their branches laying towards the sea the distance of 20 yards in some places and 30 in others between their lines and the water's edge. Then the surge was extremely violent, most of our boats being stav'd and the rocks coming out so far that the greatest part of the Army landed to their middle in water. Many were much hurt, others crush'd to pieces, being carried away by the surge and the boats driving over them with the return of it.

Had the enemy permitted the troops of the left attack to have landed in the cove, they must have certainly put it out of our power to have troubled them afterwards, as by reserving their fire till then in all probability they would have put us in confusion and we afterwards must have been at their mercy, the advantage mention'd giving them so much superiority.

Col. St. Julien commanded the French lines, which con-

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sisted of about 3,000 Regulars and Irregulars, 1,500 of which were posted at the landing place.

A French Officer with his party posted at some of the batterys surrendered to some of our flying parties, being cut off from the town.

Sir Charles Hardy, who had sail'd from Hallifax the latter end of March with 9 ships of the line and some frigates with troops on board to block up and cruize off the harbour of Louisbourg, join'd Admiral Boscawen.

ORDERS

The picketts to lay out all night and be posted by the Field Officers in front but chiefly in the rear of the camp, and all the outposts to be called in except the detatchment with Col. Burton who was posted at the landing place.

Friday, 9th.—Bragg's Regiment return'd clearing the encampment. The surf so high that very few tents or baggage of the Army could be landed.

ORDERS

If there are any French prisoners they are to be brought to Major-Gen. Amherst in the rear of the center of the Army.

All the tools that may have been taken at the different posts of the enemy to be collected in the rear of the Royals.

Lieut. Tonge will mark out the ground in the rear of the Corps where it may be necessary to throw up any works, which each Regiment will do for themselves, taking half of the interval to secure the whole rear of the camp.

The 1st Brigade consists of the Royals, Hopson's, Lawrence's, Webb's and Whitmore's.

The 2nd of Bragg's, Anstruther's, Frazer's, Warburton's and Amherst's.

The 3rd of Forbes', Lascelles', Monckton's and Otway's.

Brig.-Gen. Whitmore to have the inspection of the 1st Brigade, Brig.-Gen. Lawrence the 2nd and Brig.-Gen. Wolfe of the 3rd.

The Major General in camp is in the center of the Army, the Brigadier Generals in the center of their Brigades.

The Brigade Majors in the rear of the centre of the Army.

Orderly time at 10 o'clock.

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All the Standing Orders given out by His Royal Highness the Duke, of the duty in camp, to be strictly obey'd.

Saturday, 10th.—Still clearing our camp, pitching tents and getting our baggage on shore, which was attended with great trouble on account of the surge, it being equally violent as at the place we landed.

Began to throw up the works in the rear as order'd yesterday.

A Captain of a man of war order'd daily to inspect and direct the landing of all the stores, artillery, &c.

Sir Charles Hardy with 7 or 8 ships sail'd from Gabarus and anchored off the mouth of the harbour.

Sunday, 11th.—The Army employ'd in the same manner as yesterday, with the addition of beginning to make roads through the camp and to the cove where the artillery, &c., was landing.

A sergeant-major and 4 men of Fisher's Regiment of Volontaires Etrangers deserted from the enemy, said that the garrison was not more than 3,000, and including everybody that could bear arms not 5,000, that we might expect a good many if not the whole of their Regiment, they not liking a service in which they had been trepan'd, that the enemy had destroyed the Grand and Light House Batteries and call'd in all their outposts.

Some light artillery and stores were landed.

Orders of the 10th

When the rear of the Army are sufficiently secur'd against incursions of the barbarians, two or three small detachments will be guard enough for each Regiment.

All the tents taken at the different posts which were abandoned by the enemy to be collected by Lieut. Lesly and given to the five Companys of Rangers.

The Grenadiers are to do duty entirely by themselves except the camp duty.

Orders of this Day—Morning

The Grenadiers of Otway's, Hopson's, Warburton's, and Lascelles' are order'd to hold themselves in readiness to march.

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EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK

Four hundred of the Light Infantry and Rangers are to march this night and take post in the woods round the upper part of the north east harbour, there lay in ambush and cover the march of a detachment of the Army which will be order'd to take post at Lorambic, at the end of the north east harbour, and upon the Light House Point.

The detachment to consist of four Companys of Grenadiers who were mentioned this morning to hold themselves in readiness to march under the command of Lieut.-Col. Hale of the 47th Regiment, and of the following number of men to be detach'd from every Corps :—

Corps.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and file.
1st . . .	1	3	4	2	90
15th . . .	1	3	4	2	90
17th . . .	1	3	4	2	100
22nd . . .	1	3	4	2	90
35th . . .	1	2	3	2	50
40th . . .	1	2	3	2	80
45th . . .	1	3	4	2	90
47th . . .	1	3	4	2	90
48th . . .	1	3	4	2	100
58th . . .	1	2	3	2	50
60th 2nd Batt. .	1	3	4	2	100
60th 3rd. „ .	1	3	4	2	90
63rd . . .	2	6	8	4	200
Total . .	14	39	53	28	1,220

These 1,220 men are to be put into three Battalions, the 1st to be under the command of Lieut.-Col. Morrice, the 2nd of Lieut.-Col. Rollo, the 3rd of Major Ross.

The detatchments of the right Brigade are the 1st Battalion, those of the left are the 2nd, and those of the center the 3rd.

The Grenadiers are to be the van guard of their detatchment, preceded only by some of the Light Infantry. They are

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to be form'd into Battalions on the left of each Brigade and march from thence by the left by files to the general place of rendezvous, the rear rank of each Regiment is to serve as Light Infantry for their own Corps and to move in a single file upon the left of the march, about 50 or 60 yards from the line.

This detatchment is to have 40 rounds of ammunition, as many hatchets as can be spar'd from the Regiments, at the rate of a hatchet per man, or one for every two men at least, 6 days' provisions, tents, and camp necessarys for every eight men. The Officers must be contented with soldiers' tents, till better provision can be made for them.

The whole to assemble in the front of Amherst's to-morrow by five in the morning, but so as not to be perceiv'd by the town or ships in the harbour.

The whole of this detatchment from the Line to be under the command of Brig.-Gen. James Wolfe.

Monday, 12th.—At two o'clock the Light Infantry and Rangers under the command of Major Scott march'd according to orders.

About 5 Gen. Wolfe and the 4 Companys and detatchment follow'd to take possession of the Light House Battery.

The regulation of our march strictly kept up to and without any interruption, a thick fog favor'd us from the cannonade of 5 ships of the line and some frigates that were in the harbour, heard very plain the noise they made on board in the course of their duty.

About 2 o'clock came to our ground, two small encampments with the tents pitch'd, some provisions and tools remain'd.

The shore intrench'd in the same manner as heretofore describ'd, two pieces of cannon with their trunnions knock'd off on the flank of a cove where the stores, &c., for this little army were to be landed, three eight pounders in the upper encampment, two of which were spiked.

The detatchment that was order'd to Lorambic march'd under Capt. Sutherland of the 45th Regiment. They found a great quantity of salt fish, a small encampment, and one piece of cannon.

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Left that, ordered to be posted at the head of the north east harbour, on our way, under the command of Major Ross of the 48th Regiment.

Gen. Wolfe having reconoitred the Light House Point, the detatchment encamp'd about 4 o'clock and the Light Infantry and Rangers returned to the Grand Camp.

Several vessels with artillery, ammunition, &c., cover'd by the *Diana* and *Hunter* anchor'd off the cove.

Part of the intrenchments pull'd down to make a communication between the cove and encampment.

The tools left by the enemy were collected and amounted to a considerable number.

The enemy fir'd a shot or two from the ships on seeing some of our people walking backwards and forwards about the Light House.

Tuesday, 13th.—At daybreak a road began from the cove for drawing artillery to the Point and along the shore opposite the harbour where it was intended batterys should be erected.

About 9 o'clock an alarm in camp, occasioned by a message from Major Ross that a large party of French were advancing towards this post, upon which the Grenadier Companys, with a detatchment from the Line, march'd to sustain them. But it turn'd out that the enemy's intentions were only to burn some houses they had neglected when the Grand Battery and other buildings were sett fire to on the day we landed. On the execution of their design they retir'd to the garrison, our troops return'd to camp and continued the work began this morning.

A great fire of musquetry on the right suppos'd to be a sally from the town, and so it prov'd—a party of about 300 came out but was drove back by the Light Infantry with the loss of five kill'd and 40 wounded ; it ended with a cannonade from the ramparts. Pickets from the Line march'd, but the affair was over before they could get up. Lieuts. Allen of the 35th and Lilly of the 40th were wounded.

The fire from the Island Battery rather incommoding our camp, the tents were struck, and about 9 o'clock the Line march'd to a place of more security. The Grenadiers remain'd.

The right were employ'd making roads and finishing the works in the rear of their Corps in the day, and at night threw

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up a redoubt on a hill by the water side ½ a mile in the front of the Royals.

Wednesday, 14th.—At daybreak the four Companys struck their tents; while on their march receiv'd an order to sustain Major Ross's post, who had notice from the Rangers that a body of the enemy appear'd to move that way, but before the Grenadiers join'd them, their proceeding was countermanded and they encamp'd on the right of the Line.

The enemy tow'd a sloop mounting two 32 pounders on her bows, under cover of the Island Battery to annoy our landing of stores and play on the men of war and transports. She fir'd for some hours without doing any damage, went back to the fleet and came to her station again in the afternoon, continued firing for an hour and half, return'd by the ships of war, but to little purpose, there being great difference in the weight of metal, the shot of the sloop going over and the others not above the third of the way, neither was it in their power to approach nearer without exposing themselves to a hot and unequal fire from the battery on the island. The *Diana* had six men kill'd and wounded on board of her. She with the *Hunter*, sloop, convoy'd transports that came round from Gabarus Bay with artillery, ammunition, &c., anchor'd off a convenient cove to the eastward of the Light House for the getting these stores on shore.

Several cannon and mortars landed this night.

The right continued still to work on their roads and landing stores. Three redoubts began last night on the eminence from right to left to secure a communication in the front of the camp.

A flag of truce from the enemy.

Thursday, 15th.—Large partys at work in landing and drawing artillery, carrying fascines and picketts to the places where the batteries were to be, cutting sods at the Light House and filling sandbags; cannonading and some shells thrown from the island at these partys going backwards and forwards and those employ'd on the spot.

Orders Given on the Right

Whenever a drummer may be sent from the town of Louisbourg he shall be stop'd by the first centry of whatever

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advanc'd post he may come to, and the Officer commanding at that post will send the letter or letters to the General, keeping the drummer so that he cannot see any of our works or the camp till the answer of the General is return'd.

If the Governor should send an officer with a letter, who may say he is order'd to deliver his dispatches to the General himself and will not give them to anyone else, he shall not on any account whatsoever be permitted to advance through any of our posts, but shall be kept till he delivers his dispatches and remain there for an answer: or if he persists in not sending them, he shall be kept at the outpost where he cannot see our works or camp, and the Officer commanding at the outpost to send a report of it to the General.

A market is to be establish'd at the center of the Line in the rear of Lascelles' and Monckton's. No provisions or liquors of any kind shall be permitted to be sold at any place but at the fix'd market.

All Officers who make reports of any motions of the enemy to the General, the Brigadier General of the day, or any superior Officer, are desired if possible to make in writing, particularly what they see themselves, and specifying anything they report of what others may have seen and reported to them.

Two deserters of the Volontaires Etrangers came into Grand Camp, confirm the enemy's loss in the skirmish of the 13th.

Friday, 16th.—Continuation of the works, carried on with all possible dispatch: four mortars with a quantity of provisions and stores sent round from Gabarus Bay. A vessel dispatched from this post with an officer of each Corps on board for the baggage, &c., of this Army.

The right still at work on the redoubts began the 13th. This day landed artillery, provisions, &c.

Saturday, 17th.—The Line employ'd in the same manner as yesterday. The enemy cannonading and throwing shells as usual. Two eight inch mortars and three royals sent to this post. Strong parties at work on the batteries at night.

Sunday, 18th.—Landing howitzers. The *Echo*, frigate of 32 guns, bound to Quebec with stores and provisions, brought

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in by the *Juno*. She got out of the harbour by favor of a dark foggy night and a brisk gale which drove Sir Charles Hardy and his squadron to sea.

At night drawing cannon, mortars, howitzers, and royals, also carrying shot and shells to the batterys, for the compleating of which parties were at work, using all possible expedition.

Some 24 pounders landed on the right: the road for their artillery and in the front of their Line carried on by large working parties. Several of the transports men made prisoners by the Indians at the head of Gabarus Bay.

Orders for the evening gun being fir'd this day at sun setting.

Monday, 19th.—Sir Charles Hardy's squadron return'd to their station off the harbour's mouth. The vessel arriv'd with the necessarys of this Army.

Between nine and ten this night several batteries of cannon, mortars, howitzers and royals were open'd against the island and shipping in the harbour.

The Bomb Battery consisted of 2 thirteen inch, 2 of eight and 6 royals, some distance from them were 2 eight inch howitzers, add to these, batteries of 1, 2 and 3 pieces of cannon, each 12 and 24 pounders, which with those mention'd before made 7 properly dispos'd of along the shore from the Light House.

The whole Line march'd to sustain these batteries in case the enemy should lead and attack them in front. Four picketts mov'd half a mile beyond the left wing of the Grand Army between them and Major Ross's post. Major Scott and a body of Light Infantry were posted with orders to secure the communication to the end of the North East Harbour by placing small parties properly, and be ready to attack and fall on flank of detachments that might attempt to land or come out of the town on that side to attack Gen. Wolfe in flank: and that, on seeing a rocket fir'd on the hill by the Careening Wharff which would be answer'd by one of Sir Charles' squadron, and a third from the center redoubt, to light fires on the back of the hills behind the Grand Battery, making all the shew he could of having a large body of troops there, and to inform the officer commanding picketts of

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anything extraordinary that might happen, who was to report it immediately to Brigadier Lawrence, who was to support if necessary.

To confuse and draw the enemy's attention different ways they fir'd from the right towards the cover'd way.

A road began by the parties at Grand Camp by which artillery, stores, &c., were to be transported to an eminence call'd Green Hill, conveniently situated for erecting batterys against the town.

The fire from the batteries open'd, continued very smart all night, was equally return'd from the shipping after they had recov'd their surprize. The island added to their cannonade as brisk a bombardment as two mortars would allow them.

Tuesday, 20th.—A warm fire on both sides. In the evening drawing artillery. At night the mortar batteries play'd chiefly on the island, the ships having warp'd in 600 yards nearer the town. The enemy burnt an old vessell in the harbour.

The right attack carrying on the works they began yesterday.

Wednesday, 21st.—Bombarding the island, who return'd the fire from cannon and mortars. The ships added a warm cannonade upon our batteries, but without any material effect.

They fir'd several shot into the left of the Grand Camp, as did the garrison upon the redoubts, and into the right wing.

The parties of this camp were employ'd in landing stores, &c. At night they threw up a redoubt between those on the right and center to defend the road making for the artillery.

Thursday, 22nd.—It being ordered that a battery of six 24 pounders should be erected at the Light House Point for the entire destruction of the defences of the island, 400 men under the command of Lt.-Col. Hale began this work at daybreak this morning.

Foggy weather gave the parties on the right an opportunity of finishing the redoubt began last night. They also continued the work on the roads and erected a blockhouse to secure the communication to the Light House.

Friday, 23rd.—A Grenadier Company us'd all dispatch in

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forwarding the work of the Light House Battery. An indulgence to the 400 men who were volunteers for the erecting of it. Work of another (to play on the shipping) carried on situated beyond Major Ross's post in going to the Grand Battery from Gen. Wolfe's camp intended for 4 pieces of cannon, but never more than a 12 and 24 pounder were planted on it : a brisk fire was kept on it by the French men of war. The same from the island on our parties going backwards and forwards to the six gun battery.

The parties of the Grand Camp began the epaulment, a work of a quarter of a mile in length, nine feet high and sixteen broad for covering and facilitating the approaches to the town by the Green Hill. They had twelve 24 pounders and seven 12s in their park of artillery.

Saturday, 24th.—Strong parties still at work on the batteries. The island fir'd at the Light House Point by daybreak, and the shipping at the new work beyond Major Ross's post.

The right employ'd as yesterday, found great difficulty in carrying on the epaulment, it being upon a wet morass. They were to make their road and throw up this work with earth brought distant from the place.

General Orders

The Officers of the Army on board His Majesty's Ships *Terrible* and *Northumberland* are order'd to join their Corps, and both the Officers and soldiers are likewise to join their Corps from on board His Majesty's Ship *Captain*.

These detatchments went on board at Halifax before the " Grand Armament " sailed.

Sunday, 25th.—The Light House Battery open'd at break of day with five 24 pounders. A Serjeant of Warburton's kill'd not far from it by a shot from the ships, another from the island broke an iron piece of ordnance. The Half Moon Battery at Point Mirepoix and the men of war kept a constant fire on the battery on the point, but with little success, as the distance is great.

Monday, 26th.—At 1 this morning the four Companys with the detatchments of Amherst's and Anstruther's, as

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also Graham's Rangers, march'd from the Light House Point and took post to the westward of the Grand Battery in order to fortify a camp and erect a battery against the shipping, they having warp'd close under the town out of the reach of our other works.

Continued all day in intrenching and covering our camp from the fire of the ships which was very hot, but fortunately without effect, a redoubt threw up on the right of the intrenchment and another on an eminence adjacent.

A party of the enemy came out to sett fire to the blockhouse and met with success as far as getting a barrel of pitch into it, its guard were too weak for resisting so large a party, but being speedily reinforc'd by detatchments from Grand Camp forc'd the enemy to retire.

This night the right attack took possession of Green Hill, and a large party of workmen were employ'd.

Tuesday, 27th.—Continuing the work of the entrenchment and redoubts. Three Grenadiers of the 47th dangerously wounded by cannon shot.

The embrazures of the east end of the Island Battery very much shatter'd, and by their not firing anything but shells since four in the afternoon of the 25th gave reason to imagine all the guns on that side were dismounted.

A constant fire from the ships and garrison on the working parties of Gen. Amherst's camp. A 24 pounder lost in bringing on shore. Five hundred Marines landed and took post at Kennington Cove.

Wednesday, 28th.—Finishing our works, and at night a battery for 5 pieces of cannon began, as also one for mortars.

It being very dark and foggy, the enemy under cover of it sunk four large ships at the entrance of the harbour.

Thursday, 29th.—Work of the batterys carrying on, a Grenadier of the 40th kill'd in his tent by a shot from the ships whose fire was very hot, but rather abated towards the evening by a 13 inch shell taking place in one of them who had kept up the principal cannonade. The crew were put into great confusion and us'd all dispatch in throwing her powder over-board.

A man on the right killed and scalp'd by the Indians who were pursued and two killed.

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The work at the epaulment much interrupted by the enemy's fire, particularly from *L'Arethuse*, frigate, stationed as high up the harbour as the depth of water would permit with her broadside towards a low pass by which the troops were obliged to advance.

Strong parties every night on the Green Hill cover'd by many picketts.

Friday, 30th.—Sir Charles Hardy sail'd in quest of two French men of war that were seen in the offing.

Some shells thrown from the island and cannonading from Point Mirepoix to the Light House at the parties there.

Drawing cannon to our new post this night.

Brigadier Wolfe's Orders

When the batteries begin to play the enemy will probably throw shells into the camp, the detatchment is therefore to be in readiness to change their situation and to get out of the reach of any mischief.

When the cannon and mortars are plac'd in battery, the Brigadier proposes to carry on establishment nearer to the town and to take possession of two eminences not far from the West Gate to put them close within their fortifications, to force the frigate out of its present station and to assist in the attack of the place, in which undertaking he does not doubt but that the officers and soldiers will co-operate with their usual spirit that they may have at least their share in the honor of this enterprize.

Saturday, 1st July.—Two more vessels sunk at the harbour mouth, and the masts of the others cut away. About 6 o'clock this morning 200 of the enemy came out of the garrison to get wood. The Light Infantry with a detachment of Highlanders (who join'd us on our forming our present camp) march'd and soon oblig'd this party to give way, retreating from hill to hill, facing about at times and returning the smart fire of our troops. Gen. Wolfe was in this skirmish and as usual in the most danger. Several men were wounded but none of consequence.

At dusk the General with his Grenadier Companys march'd and took post on the eminences mention'd in yesterday's

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orders, within 7 or 800 yards of the West Gate, were join'd by Bragg's, and Webb's Grenadiers, Highlanders and Light Infantry were advanc'd in front and upon the flanks, picketts from Grand Camp were form'd in rear. Before these things were properly settled it was near break of day, so we cover'd ourselves from the enemy's sight by keeping at the bottom of the eminences, and lay on our arms.

Skirmish on the right, a party of French attempted surprizing our workmen but were repulsed and drove back with great precipitation to Cape Noir. The ramparts and ships kept up a hot fire all night on the advanc'd posts of this attack.

Sunday, 2nd.—Continued on our arms all day. Skirmishing between the Light Infantry and straggling French, each one making a stone his breastwork. Ten o'clock at night the Grenadiers began a semi-circular redoubt on the commanding eminence.

A hundred Marines sent on shore and join'd Gen. Wolfe's Army.

The right carried on their lines and other works at the Green Hill with as much dispatch as possible. The epaulment very tedious on account of the reasons aforemention'd and the incessant fire of the frigate: frequent skirmishes this day between their advanc'd parties and those of the enemy. Several deserters from the latter within this day or two who were always sent on board the ships.

Monday, 3rd.—By daybreak got ourselves pretty well cover'd. As soon as the enemy discover'd us they began a most violent cannonade from the ships and west bastion and continued the whole day. The troops went on with their work and by 10 o'clock at night got the redoubt very near finish'd. It was capable of holding 4 or 500 men and the parapet cannon shot proof; in the afternoon the French added to their fire a bombardment, but providentially withall not a soul hurt. Other works carried on by the Highlanders on the left of the redoubt for the placing of 7 cohorns, royals, &c., in battery which were finished by the evening and began playing upon the frigate. At the same time the gun and mortar batteries at the Grenadier Camp (the name of that we left) open'd, the latter consisted of two thirteen and two

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eight inch mortars. At night parties employd in throwing up a redan on the eminence, advanc'd about 100 yards nearer the town than that on which the redoubt was. Sir Charles Hardy returned to his station without meeting with any success. Anstruther's detatchment mov'd nearer us since the 1st of July and had some works in forwardness.

Very large parties of Grand Camp were kept at work, found great difficulty in landing stores occasion'd by the constant surff.

Tuesday, 4th.—The work of the redan continued, a traverse began in the redoubt as a precaution against shells. A Grenadier of the 35th and another of the 45th killed. The mortar battery at the Grenadier camp played on the ships, they joining the town in a warm cannonade on us. In the afternoon some shells thrown from the ramparts.

The Grenadiers being much expos'd to the enemy's fire Gen. Wolfe thought proper to remove them, for which purpose he was pleased to give the following orders.

COUNTERSIGN—FOUDROIAND

The four Companys of Grenadiers are to encamp behind the hills near where the advanc'd picketts were posted.

One Company to be constantly on duty in the redoubt, detatching a subaltern officer and 20 men to the redan.

If the enemy should attack the redoubt Lt.-Col. Hale marches with two Companys of Grenadiers more to defend it, and the Highlanders are to reinforce it with 50 of their men. The fourth Company marches to the right of the Highlanders along the bottom to attack the enemy's rear and to endeavour to cut off their retreat to the town.

At dusk they march'd and encamp'd in compliance to that part of the order ; as for the Companys of Braggs' and Webb's they joind their Regiments on the right.

A brisk cannonade was kept on the advanc'd works of Gen. Amherst.

Wednesday, 5th.—A battery of four 12 pounders, 1 howitzer and 2 eight inch mortars open'd upon the men of war by daybreak from the post Anstruther's detatchment had taken. The batteries at the Grenadier camp play'd at the same time,

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and the 17 cohorns, &c., on the left of the redoubt. About 100 of the enemy came out towards our advance posts but return'd without attempting anything. A party of Light Infantry posted at the foot of a bridge over the Barachois every night to prevent the French from crossing, retired at the dawn. The fire from the town and ships very smart the whole day, and at intervals shells thrown from the former. A gunner and matross kill'd at the batteries open'd this morning.

The frigate whose fire had done so much mischief in retarding the works on the right and killing many men at the epaulment, being raked by Anstruther's battery and a good deal hurt by the others, left her station about 8 o'clock this night and hawl'd under the town.

Some sailors taken by the Indians beyond Grand Camp.

Thursday, 6th.—The gun batteries at the Grenadier camp (where Major Ross now commanded, Capt. Sutherland with Warburton's detatchment having taken up his post at the head of the North East Harbour), Anstruther's redoubt and Light House Point play'd all day, the two first at the ships with great success and the last at Mirepoix. The bomb batteries chiefly confin'd their fire to the town and many shells burst in it. A very brisk return from the ships on the batteries that fir'd on them, join'd by a cannonade from the ramparts.

In the afternoon a flag of truce went out of the harbour to Sir Charles Hardy with necessarys, &c., for their officers that were prisoners.

General Orders

The detachment of Forbes' Regiment marches to-morrow to join their Corps. All the Highlanders are to join Capt. McPherson at their new post. Capt. Sutherland sends an officer and 20 men into the 4 gun battery to preserve the communication and keep a strict watch at and in the neighbourhood of this post that the enemy's savages may do no mischief.

The magazines for fascines, tools, picketts, and materials for platforms is to be in the hollow where the Highlanders is now encamped.

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As soon as it is dark the Highlanders are to draw the two light 6 pounders and place them in a battery prepar'd for them upon the right of the redan. One of the Artillery and some Marines are to serve these two pieces and their ammunition is to be deposited in the redan. The cohorn mortars are not to play any more at the shipping, but the 5 royals may be employ'd a day or two in the redoubt constructed by Anstruther's and the Marines.

The Marines are to do duty with the Corps of Artillery, by that means they will be able to keep their own batteries in constant repair. The Sappers are to be join'd by the Corps of Artillery to be immediately under the directions and order of the Engineers, a list of the names to be given in to Capt. Holland.

Two 24 pounders to be added this night to the last battery, platforms to be prepar'd for these guns so that they may fire to-morrow morning.

Friday, 7th.—The batteries very well servd against the shipping and some shells thrown into the town. The Grenadier Company on duty in the redoubt and redan, strengthening those works daily by thickening the parapet and carrying a ditch round them. The troops at the Light House under the command of Col. Morris of the 17th were employed in forwarding things from thence to our different posts, drawing cannon, &c.

ORDERS OF THIS DAY

When Col. Morris judges that 3 picketts are sufficient to move the stores from the cove to the camp he must join their Corps, bringing with him the detatchment of Gen. Hopson's Regiment.

As the island is destroy'd, the frigate remov'd, and considerable damage done to the French Fleet so as to make escape difficult if not impossible, Brigadier Wolfe proposes to erect one great battery more which he hopes will ruin the fortifications in such a manner as to shorten the siege. A collection of fascines, picketts, timbers and platforms are forthwith to be made, and the work shall be divided to the different Corps as to be easy to all. Any men who choose to

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be employ'd in this work out of their turns of duty shall receive half a pint of rum with one fish and a shilling each. The merlins must be made with great care, the earth well ramm'd and proper precautions taken to construct a firm and durable work. The Admiral has sent four 32 pounders on shore for this battery and has order'd his own ship's company to drag them to the blockhouse from whence they will be transported to the battery by a machine lately provided for that purpose.

About 9 o'clock this morning a flag of truce from the town with letters for Gen. Amherst desiring that the tents in which were the sick might not be fired on, but they being in a line with the battery at Mirepoix it could not have been hurt from the Light House Point, and further they would have had it in their power to make it a place of safety for their troops off duty and receptacle for magazine stores, so their request was refus'd, but as it never was intended the sick should be molested if clear of the works against the town, offer'd that they might either put their sick on board a vessel and drop under Sir Charles Hardy's stern, or on the island, letting our guard boats keep round it. Never heard of any answer being sent back to this proposal.

Saturday, 8th.—The fire from our batteries, the town and shipping continued much as usual, parties employ'd cutting fascines for a battery between the Grenadier redoubt and Anstruther's, mention'd in the orders of yesterday.

Orders of this Day

The officers commanding at the batteries, either when they are constructed, repair'd, or in working the guns, are not to permit the soldiers to expose themselves unnecessarily. The lives of such brave men cannot be too carefully preservd for the publick service.

The men who work'd upon the merlins yesterday under the enemy's hottest fire will receive a little money and some refreshment from the General as a marck of his esteem.

Whenever any dead bodies are found they are to be buried by the nearest detatchment and with that decency that humanity can require.

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The orderly hours in this camp is 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as the General must send to the Grand Army for the parade and orders it cannot be sooner.

An officer of Grenadiers, an officer of Highlanders and an officer from the cove are to attend the Artillery, the Engineers, the Rangers, the Marines with Anstruther's and send each a volunteer or serjeant to take the orders from Col. Morris's Adjutant in this camp.

An orderly man from each of these Corps is to attend at Head Quarters and remain with the Brigadier's guard till call'd for.

A serjeant and 12 men of the Highlanders to join Lieut. Brown near the Barachois at dusk and return to their encampment at daylight.

If the Commanding Officers of the different detatchments under the Brigadier's command think that any tents are crowded they may permit the soldiers to erect huts for their better convenience.

The epaulment on the right pretty near finished, their working parties lessen'd on that account. An attack intended by the Grand Army, but prevented by the enemy making a sortie about 11 o'clock this night from Cape Noir. They pass'd an advanc'd party and carried a redan in which were posted the Grenadiers of Forbes's, who, by the remissness of the guard advanc'd, were rather surpriz'd. Major Murray of the 45th commanded three companies of Grenadiers to sustain some work adjacent, detach'd part of them, who behav'd very well, forcing the enemy out of the redan which they had begun to demolish, and other troops coming oblig'd them to retreat under the ramparts from whence they kept up a brisk cannonade. This sortie was made by five picketts supported by a detatchment of six or 700 men, the most of them much in liquor. Col. Bastide rec'd a contusion.

Sunday, 9th.—At daybreak the enemy desir'd a truce to bury their dead. Our loss in this affair was Lord Dundonald, Captain of Forbes's Grenadiers, 1 corporal and three private men kill'd, Lieut. Fen wounded and prisoner, 17 private men wounded, Capt. Bontein, engineer, taken prisoner, 1 serjeant and 11 private men missing. That of the French, Capt. de

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Chavelin and 17 private men kill'd, most of them in the post they gain'd, a lieutenant and 4 wounded and brought off prisoners: many of their wounded they carried into town, an officer among the number, who died soon after.

The fire of all sides kept up with great warmth, the shipping in particular play'd without intermission on our batteries, materials of all sorts getting ready for new works intended to be constructed.

Head Quarters of this little Army was above the Grenadier Camp in the centre as near as possible of that of the Light House and the Grenadiers' present encampment. Scarce a night but the Brigadier visited all his posts, and besides his being indefatigable in the forwarding this attack he took his tour of duty on the right. So noble an example as this General shewed in every ground and each particular man, striving to gain his esteem and notice, made it very improbable any attempt he took should fail of success.

Monday, 10th.—Carrying fascines to the place where the new battery was to be erected, no abatement in the fire from us and the enemy, at dusk the battery began. In the night a small alarm occasion'd by a large fire in the rear of the Grenadier Camp (where Col. Morris now commanded) suppos'd to be a body of Canadians and Indians under the command of Mons. Boisbiere, a French partizan.

Tuesday, 11th.—By daybreak the parapet of the battery cannon proof, which enabled the Sappers to work under cover. The fire from the town and ships in this work was very hot. A waggoner taken by Indians between the Blockhouse and North East Harbour.

ORDERS

The Officers of Artillery that command at the batteries are immediately upon any accident happening to their guns, carriages, or anything under their care to report to Capt. Strechy, who is without a moment's loss of time to acquaint the Brigadier that the necessary orders may be issued for repairing any such damages.

The Officers of Artillery are to take particular notice of the hurts their batteries receive from the enemy's fire and to send word in time to the General's aid-de-camp, that a

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proper party may be forthwith order'd to repair the above damage.

Wednesday, 12th.—The enemy still kept a smart cannonade on the new battery which was in great forwardness. A Company of Grenadiers work'd at it all night, at the same time the mortars were serv'd against the town and cannon against the shipping, and after going through them struck the town in ricochet. The waggoner made his escape, inform'd the General of 260 Canadians being in the woods.

Some work thrown up this night by the right attack adjacent to the Green Hill.

Thursday, 13th.—Fire from the town and ships much slacken'd. Five deserters from the island. They were employ'd in fishing, three of them intended coming off from their first setting out: we learnt by them that the enemy had not more than three guns mounted at the post they left.

Another battery of two guns began this night, call'd after Warburton's Company, they having made it.

Four or five gun batteries, 12 and 24 pounders, also one of mortars trac'd out by the right attack.

Friday, 14th.—Fire from the enemy very slack. Our battery on the left of Anstruther's redoubt play'd on the ships and town as usual. The French threw shells for the first time out of a mortar near the west bastion at our new battery. Warburton's Grenadiers work'd at theirs all night.

The approaches of the Grand Army advanc'd 200 yards nearer the town within the two last days.

Orders on the Right

The enemy having become masters of Fort William Henry by virtue of a capitulation made the 9th of August last, which capitulation they immediately broke in a most notorious and flagrant manner by murdering, pillaging and captivating many of His Majesty's good subjects, in violation of the said capitulation as well as of the Law of Nations; upon these considerations and in honor and justice to His Majesty's arms, it is hereby declar'd that the said capitulation is null and void, and that all Officers and Soldiers serving the 9th of August last at Fort William Henry are hereby empower'd and

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commanded to serve in the same manner as if no such capitulation had ever been made, all which Major-Gen. Abercrombie has notified to the Governor General of Canada signifying to him at the same time that if any of His Majesty's subjects suppos'd to be comprehended in the said capitulation may fall into the enemy's hands, and any violence follow thereupon, that he will retaliate on the persons of the French prisoners now in his hands, as well as on all such as shall be taken hereafter by sea or land.

Saturday, 15th.—A serjeant of Marines taken prisoner by our Light Infantry, he was at some distance from his post without arms. The French frigate went out this night, proper signals by rockets were made from the Light House Point to the Admiral, and she was fir'd upon from the battery at that point. Sir Charles answer'd the signals and gave chace.

The enemy endeavour'd to throw some shells into Gen. Amherst's camp, immagin'd deserters had inform'd them of the situation of the powder magazine as they seem'd to try getting that distance.

Sunday, 16th.—At daybreak Capt. Sutherland's, late Major Ross's, post was attack'd by some Canadians and Indians, but they soon retir'd. However, upon the alarm all Gen. Wolfe's detachment stood to their arms and some parties march'd to sustain the post had it been necessary. A deserter from them that morning told us the before mention'd Boisbiere was in the country with about 300 men and offer'd to guide a party of ours to those who had attack'd Sutherland, about 100 in number. But before our party could get to them they were gone.

In the evening Gen. Wolfe order'd Lieut. Brown with his Rangers, sustained by Lieut. Gore with 28 Grenadiers of Otway's, to pass the bridge and drive a French picket from their post just on the other side, some parties from the right advanc'd towards them at the same time. On Lieuts. Gore and Brown marching briskly up to the enemy they soon retir'd into the Covert Way.

To make the enemy believe no more was intended than attacking their pickett and returning, Gen. Wolfe did not

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order more troops over till dark, when the four companies of Grenadiers with other detatchments march'd and took post, throwing up intrenchments which they effected by daybreak within about 250 yards of the West Gate, three Grenadier Companies from the right, soon after we broke ground. The fire was extremely hot all night from the town with grape, round and shells, they imagining our parties under cover of the dark were retreating, as before they must have been greatly expos'd to the fire from the ramparts, great part of which was directed towards the bridge and struck some old boats, &c., aground near it.

The Honble. George Edgecomb replac'd Sir Charles Hardy's squadron off the mouth of the harbour.

Monday, 17th.—Fire on both sides without intermission, the enemy continued serving their Artillery with the same shot as yesterday, three men of the Grenadier Company of the 40th kill'd by shells, Lieut. How of the Grenadiers of the Royals by grape shot. Wolfe's battery of 32 pounders open'd this morning at daybreak and play'd against the spur, west bastion, and cavalier. The troops working hard at the parapet to make it cannon proof, resolv'd to carry on the parallel from right to left. Sir Charles's squadron return'd without success. At night the enemy's fire with musquetry from the covert way was extremely hot, had they known our intentions last night they certainly would have done the same, by which they would have kill'd a great number.

Tuesday, 18th.—Continued thickening our intrenchments. Our batteries well serv'd against the bastion dauphiné. Enemy fir'd as last night from the covert way. Eighteen officers and men kill'd this first 48 hours.

Wednesday, 19th.—Except from the French shipping fire very hot from each party. Ensign Godfrey Rowe of the 48th kill'd. A deserter from the enemy to our trenches says 20 men were kill'd, two guns dismounted and a mortar render'd useless that same day. Musquetry from the covert way as usual.

The trenches relie'vd by Battalions, fourteen forming three Brigades.

Thursday, 20th.—Our batteries silenc'd the Spur and damag'd the embrazures of the cavalier very much. One of

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their ship's masts knock'd down; another deserter came in. A branch from the parallel carried out this night. The enemy's fire on our works rather slacken'd from their ramparts, but that from the cover'd way continued.

100 seamen sent on shore to assist on the right.

A very hot fire from our batteries, very little return from the enemy whose shipping scarce fir'd a shot. Continuing the work began last night and filling sandbags for a battery.

About two o'clock there was a great explosion on board the *Entreprennant*, set her on fire and her flames caught the *Capricieux* and *Celèbre*, by ten at night the three were burnt to the water's edge. Their confusion, as may be well expected, was ours (illegible) between satisfaction at the accident and the uncertainty whether they with design to give up the place had set fire to them, but found afterwards it was by a shot from the main battery striking a iron bolt in the *Entreprennant*'s powder room. Execution done by a field piece from the left of our intrenchment on boats passing backward and forward from the town and indeed from their own guns, for as they became hot they went off and shot took place in the other ships. A fire from our works of musquetry on the covert way return'd by them. In short to humanity tho' an enemy the scene was very shocking.

Lieut. Murray of the Highlanders kill'd in the trenches by grape shot.

Saturday, 22nd.—At daybreak two batteries of cannon and two of mortars open'd from the right, viz.: One gun battery of eight 24 pounders, another of five, a mortar battery of one 13 inch and two 10, another of four 8s.

These join'd to those of Gen. Wolfe's on the left attack made a fire of 37 pieces of cannon and 11 mortars besides great number of cohorns, royals, &c.

About 8 this morning the citadel barracks took fire by a carcass and burnt with great violence, all the above-mention'd batteries playing extremely smart the while it lasted, which was till five o'clock in the afternoon. At 10 a signal from Sir Charles Hardy for chasing.

A battery for four 24 pounders began about fifty yards beyond the parallel did not meet with the obstruction we might have expected, the enemy only firing a shot now and

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then, and two 8 inch mortars with about 17 cohorns and royals being plac'd to play into the cover'd way, preventing a fire of musquetry.

A number of shells thrown from the right attended with cannonading from all the batteries.

The branch from the first approach carried out a great way towards the right so as to form a second, the end of it cover'd by a redan, a line of communication to the new battery made from it.

Lieut. Wellington of the Royal Americans losing his way in going his round was made prisoner by the enemy near Cape Noir.

Sunday, 23rd.—Our batteries serv'd as usual. The enemy's fire much decreas'd, a shot now and then from the remaining ships.

Lieut. Campbell of the 15th Regt. mortally wounded in the intrenchments of which he afterwards died.

A deserter acquainted us that the enemy could not stand to their guns on account of our bombs, and that we had kill'd a good many within this two or three days.

Another battery for five 24 pounders began advanc'd of that for four guns which latter was finished this night and the cannon drawn up. About 12 the citadel set on fire again by a shell, another fir'd off one of their guns and the shot had like to have kill'd an officer, except this they did not fire more till about 2 o'clock when the fire made such a light that they saw our people at work and began firing grape very fast, but providentially without other execution than wounding a man slightly.

Monday, 24th.—The four gun battery opened about two o'clock this afternoon, a great explosion from it occasion'd by some cartridges blowing up.

Capt. Brown of 28th Regt. wounded by it. Musquetry fir'd from our approaches into the cover'd way and embrazures, return'd by the enemy. The work on the five gun battery carried on and finish'd, an approach made to the foot of the glacis. Workmen discover'd about 12 o'clock and fir'd at very smartly with musquetry from the cover'd way, the work of the battery delay'd for a while. But the cohorns, added to the small arms from the trenches, obliging the French to

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retire into town, our people return'd to their work and the battery for five guns as has been observ'd before was finished. A man at this employ and two at the other was wounded.

Deserters acquainted us that they had not above 2,000 fit for duty in the town—neither the fire of the citadel barracks nor the ships was entirely out. Bombarding all night as well as day.

Tuesday, 25th.—This day little or no return from the ramparts, small arms from our intrenchments attended the above. The *Prudent* set on fire and the *Bienfaisant* tow'd off to the North East Harbour by the boats of the fleet which carried in about 450 seamen, marines, &c., commanded by Capts. Laforey and Balfour, boarded the ships without opposition from them, but from the town who, hearing the noise, fir'd grape and musquetry, did not kill above seven and wounded as many. The *Prudent* being on ground oblig'd to set fire to her, eleven Officers mostly Marines and about 122 sailors out of the two were made prisoners. Some on board the *Prudent* could not be persuaded to come from between decks, and day approaching it was necessary for our people to retreat, but we heard they got on shore. The *Bienfaisant* was given to Capt. Balfour, the *Echo* to Capt. Laforey. Mr. Affleck and Mr. Bickerton who boarded the *Bienfaisant* got the *Aetna* fireship and *Hunter* sloop.

Wednesday, 26th.—Our batteries by our late successes serv'd with more spirit than ever, that of five guns open'd.

About 10 o'clock a flag hoisted on the Cavalier, a chamade beat and Mons. L'Opinioux, Town Major, came out with letters from the General, who finding them treat of terms sent the following :—

" In response to the proposals that I rec'd from your Excellency, I having nothing more to say but that his Excellency Admiral Boscawen and I have determin'd that our ships shall enter the harbour to-morrow and make a general attack. Your Excellency knows very well the situation of the Army and Fleet, as well as that of the town : but as Admiral Boscawen and I desire to avoid shedding of blood, we give Your Excellency an hour to determine making the only capitulation we will accept of, which is your surrendering

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prisoners of war, if not Your Excellency must take upon yourself the fatal consequences of an useless defence."

They exceeded the hour about twenty minutes when they demanded half an hour more, a quarter was granted by Gen. Whitmore who commanded the trenches and took upon him the granting this liberty, at the expiration of twenty minutes Mons. L'Opinioux return'd accompanied by Col. Antoine and several officers of rank, who all went to Gen. Amherst having power to settle every point regarding the capitulation which was as follows :—

"Articles of capitulation between their Excellencies Admiral Boscawen and Major-Gen. Amherst, and his Excellency the Chevalier Drucour, Governor of the Island of Cape Breton, of Louisbourg, the Island of St. John, and their appurtenances.

"Article 1st.—The Garrison of Louisbourg shall be prisoners of war and shall be carried to England in the ships of His Britanick Majesty.

"2nd.—All the artillery, ammunition, provisions, as well as arms of any kind whatsoever, which are at present in the town of Louisbourg, the Islands of Cape Breton and St. John and their appurtenances shall be deliver'd without the least damage to such commissaries as shall be appointed to receive them for the use of His Britanick Majesty.

"3rd.—The Governor shall give his orders that the troops which are in the Island of St. John and its appurtenances shall go on board such ship of war, as the Admiral shall send to receive them.

"4th.—The gate, call'd Porte Dauphine, shall be given up to the troops of His Britanick Majesty to-morrow at eight o'clock in the morning, and the garrison including all those that carried arms, drawn up at noon on the Esplanade, where they shall lay down their arms, Colours, implements, and ornaments of war. And the garrison shall go on board, in order to be carried to England in a convenient time.

"5th.—The same care shall be taken of the sick and wounded that are in the hospitals, as of those belonging to His Britanick Majesty.

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"6th.—The merchants and their clerks that have not carried arms shall be sent to France, in such a manner as the Admiral shall think proper.

"Louisbourg, 26th July, 1758.

"(signed) LE CHEVALIER DE DRUCOUR."

No terms were allow'd to deserters, Canadians nor Indians.

It being late before all these things were settled on, the troops remain'd in the trenches.

More batteries were ready to open had not the enemy capitulated this day.

Thursday, 27th.—The West Gate taken possession of by three Grenadier Companies commanded by Major Farquhar; Gen. Whitmore (afterwards Governor) went at the same time in order to post the proper guards, and see the garrison lay down their arms, to receive which, with eleven stand of Colours, waggons were sent.

Of the English troops in this siege kill'd and wounded:—

	Kill'd.	Wounded.
Captains	2 ..	4
Lieutenants	8 ..	16
Ensigns	2 ..	3
Serjeants	3 ..	4
Corporals	7 ..	3
Drummers	— ..	2
Privates	146 ..	315
	168 ..	347

Colonel Bastide wounded.

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Corporals	— ..	1
Gunners	1 ..	1
Matrosses	3 ..	3
	4 ..	5

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Officers' names, killed.		Officers' names, wounded.	
Capts.	Bailey of Frazer's.	Capts.	Paul Rycant of Forbes'.
	Earl of Dundonald—Forbes'.		Arthur Brown—Bragg's.
			— Smith—Anstruther's.
			Donald McDonald—Frazer's.
Lieuts.	Fenton, Howe } Royals.	Lieuts.	Fitzsimmonds, Bailey, Ashe } Royals.
	Nicholson, Campbell } Amherst's.		Hamilton, Frank Mukins } Amherst's.
	Hart of Monckton's.		Frank Tew — Forbes'.
	Cuthbert, Frazer, Murray } Frazer's.		Pierce Butler, John Termyn } Whitmore's.
			Wm. Hamilton, — Allan, — Brown, — Cockburn } Otway's.
			Moses Lilley — Hopson's.
			— Hopkins — Webb's.
			Alex. Campbell, John McDonald } Frazer's.
Ensigns	Godfrey Roe—Webb's.	Ensigns	Waterson — Royals.
	Francis Cruthers—Rangers.		— Monypenny — Amherst's.
			— Armstrong — Otway's.

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Total kill'd of the troops :—

	Non-Commissioned Officers.	Officers.	Drummers.	Privates.
	12	10	—	146
Ditto wounded	23	7	2	315
Total kill'd and wounded	35	17	2	461

Drummers	2
Non-Commissioned Officers	17
Officers	35
Artillery	9
Total	524

Fitt for duty :—

Regulars	9,921
Artillery	328
Rangers	564
Total	10,813

Friday, 28th July.—Affairs settling in town, the 58th and 3rd Battn. of the 60th march'd from the line and encamp'd on the glacis.

Saturday, 29th.—The four Grenadier Companies under Gen. Wolfe's command march'd and join'd their respective Corps.

Sir Charles Hardy with three or four ships of war went into the harbour.

An order given forbiding any of His Britanick Majesty's subjects buying anything of those of the French king's upon pain of being deem'd plunderers.

Sunday, 30th.—More ships went into the harbour.

Capt. William Amherst, the General's Aid-de-camp, went home express on board the *Shannon*, Capt. Edgecumbe.

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Strong parties at work in the town and leveling our batteries and other works rais'd in the course of the siege.

Monday, 31st.—News from Halifax of Gen. Abercrombie's being repuls'd with great loss from the lines at Ticonderoga, Lord Howe and Col. Beaver kill'd.

Saturday, 5th August.—A party consisting of 1 field officer, 3 captns., 6 subs., 8 serjeants, 8 corporals and 200 private men march'd to the colliery.

A number of transports enter'd the harbour within these few days past.

Tuesday, 8th.—A party of 4 captns., 8 subs., 12 serjeants and 305 rank and file with the Light Infantry of the 22nd, 40th and 45th Regts., and 143 Rangers, an engineer, overseer and 10 carpenters, the whole commanded by Lord Rollo of the 22nd Regt., went to the Island of St. Johns.

Wednesday, 9th.—The Grenadier Companies of the 40th, 47th, 48th and 63rd Regiments attended the embarkation of the French garrison.

Thursday, 10th.—The French sailors embark'd.

Monday, 14th.—The following men of war with six transports went for England with the before mention'd soldiers and sailors, viz.: *Dublin*, *Devonshire*, *Terrible*, *Northumberland* and *Kingston*.

The same day the Army encamp'd near the Barachois.

Sunday, 20th.—The party from the colliery return'd.

Monday, 21st.—Amherst's, Bragg's and Anstruther's embark'd with some of the Light Infantry under the command of Brig.-Gen. Wolfe, destin'd for the River Gaspie.

Thursday, 24th.—Otway's & Lawrence's Regiments embark'd for Halifax.

Monday, 28th.—Brig.-Gen. Wolfe with his command sail'd.

Tuesday, 29th.—The Regiments intended to compose the garrison of Louisbourg encamp'd on the glacis, Bragg's excepted, those destin'd for the Continent and Halifax sail'd.

Wednesday, 30th.—Gen. Wolfe sail'd for Boston.

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The winter quarters of those Regiments that were at the reduction of Louisbourg.

1st or Royals, Near Albany.	15th or Amherst's.	Halifax.
17th or Forbes', Philadelphia.	58th or Anstruther's.	
47th or Lascelles', Jerseys.	2nd 60th or Monckton's.	
48th or Webb's, New England.	3rd — or Lawrence's.	
63rd or Frazer's, Fort Stanwix.	22nd or Whitmore's.	Louisbourg.
— —	28th or Bragg's.	
— —	40th or Hopson's.	
35th or Otway's, Anapolis Royal.	45th or Warburton's.	

Kill'd during the Siege, of the enemy, 2,000.

Return of the men who went as volunteers to erect the two last batteries against Louisbourg with me.

35th or Otway's.	40th or Hopson's.	45th or Warburton's.	47th or Lascelles'.
William Bechell.	Robert Baxter.	Mankins.	George Ferguson.
Richard Clark.	John Peaton.	McKinney.	Hugh Lacey.
Moses Milliken.	Thomas Kimber.	Pearce.	William Walker.
John Walsh.	John Almon.	Dawson.	William Petreap.
Francis Kelly.	William Prosser.	Dibber.	George White.
Peter Holland.	Matthew Ford.	Harris.	William English.
Evan Francis.	John Gooday.	Ryder.	Edmund Thomas.
Thomas Gunnon.	John Walker.	Hervey.	Samuel Squires.
	John Ryan.	Nelson.	John Hardgrove.
	John Matthews.	Fulton.	James Nugent.
	John Goffen.	Boyd.	Thomas Boyd.
	James Brookes.	Carrell.	John Garrison.
	Peter Cameron.	Burton.	Daniel Dickens.
	John Collier.	Mitchell.	John Negley.

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The Army List for 1758, "complete to September, 1758," shows the following Officers as on the strength of the 45th Regiment then in America :—

Col. Hugh Warburton (Lt.-Gen.).
Lt.-Col. Montagu Wilmot.
Major Alexander Murray.
Capt. William Cotterell.
,, William Walters.
,, Patrick Sutherland.
,, James Clarke.
,, James Cunningham.
,, John Cosnan.
,, Ralph Hill.
Capt.-Lieut. Thomas Vaughan
Lieut. John Mitchell.
,, Gilfrid Collingwood.
,, John Pinhorne.
,, Broderick French.
,, Henry Dugdale.
,, Richard Stevens.
,, Winkworth Tongue.
,, Richard Bulkeley.
,, William Needham.
,, Chas. Husbands Collins.
Lieut. John Bevan.
,, Walter Crosbie.
,, John Bowen.
,, John Wright.
,, Edward Lee.
,, William Hall.
,, Erasmus John Phillips.
,, Theophilus Yonge.
,, Thomas Ervin.
,, Hugh Nevin.
Ensign Robert Wilmott.
,, Charles Shirreff.
,, George Barns.
,, Charles Chetwode.
,, James Ormsby.
,, Hans Wallace.
,, James Brodie.
,, Thomas Rous.
Chaplain Robert Brereton.
Adjutant Chas. Husbands Collins.
Quartermaster Edward Lee.
Surgeon Richard Veal.

The 1759 Army List, corrected up to June 20th of this year, gives the same list of Officers except that Ensign Wilmott is promoted lieutenant, 16th August, 1758, *vice* Yonge, Ensign Shirreff lieutenant *vice* Lee, 15th April, 1759, and James Grant is appointed ensign *vice* Wilmott promoted, and Robert Harper quartermaster *vice* Lee, 18th April, 1759. Then Major Murray is shown as lieutenant-colonel and Lt.-Col. Wilmot as Colonel in America only from 11th January, 1758.

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XI

THE LOUISBURG GRENADIERS

MR. FORTESCUE states, in Vol. II, p. 377, of his *History of the British Army*, that this body, which formed part of the army under Wolfe which captured Quebec, was composed of the Grenadier Companies of the 22nd, 40th, and 45th Regiments, and in this statement Knox's *Journal of the Campaigns in North America*, Vol. I, p. 256, is in agreement with him. According, however, to Doughty and Parmelee's *Siege of Quebec*, Vol. III, p. 70, its composition was slightly different. We read there: "When the expedition against Quebec sailed from Louisburg in the spring of 1759, three companies of Grenadiers unattached to any particular regiment accompanied it. These were known during the siege as the Louisburg Grenadiers, and were drawn from the various Line regiments which took part in the reduction of the Cape Breton stronghold in the preceding year. Some of these were the 17th Foot, the 40th, the 45th (then numbered 56th)*, the 22nd, and the Royals. In all there were 13 officers and 313 rank and file, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Alexander Murray. They made a name for themselves during the siege of Quebec and at the Battle of the Plains; after the conclusion of the campaign they were nearly all returned to their original regiments."

It seems, however, clear from a MS. book preserved in the War Office Library and described as "Orders given by Major-General Wolfe in America, 1758–59," and an entry therein dated "Halifax, April 30, 1759," that the Louisburg Grenadiers were made up of Grenadier companies from three battalions only, for it runs as follows: "The three companies of Grena-

* This is, of course, incorrect. The 56th became the 45th ten years earlier, when at the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle in 1748 certain Marine regiments were reduced.

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diers taken from the garrison of Louisburg, viz. Whitmore's" (22nd), "Hobson's" (*sic*, should be Hopson) (40th), "and Warburton's" (45th), "are commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Murray."

There are, unhappily, no monthly returns of the 45th Regiment in existence for the years 1758 and 1759 from which one might glean the names of the officers and men who accompanied Lt.-Col. Murray to Quebec with the Grenadier Company of the 45th, but most fortunately we are able to get at the names of the officers in another way. In the *London Gazettes Extraordinary* of the 16th and 17th October, 1759, there are returns of the killed and wounded of the army under Gen. Wolfe's command, the first dated "Montmorenci in the River St. Lawrence, Sept. 2nd," the other dated 13th September, and giving the casualties at the Battle of Quebec. In the first, under "Grenadiers of Louisburg," we find the name of Lieut. Collingwood, wounded, and in the second, under "Louisburg Grenadiers," are the names of Capt. Cosnan, Lieuts. Pinhorne and Nevin, wounded; so that, owing to all these having, most obligingly, become casualties, we are able to make out with tolerable accuracy that the following officers of the 45th Regiment were present under Wolfe at the capture of Quebec: Major Alexander Murray, Capt. John Cosnan, Lieuts. Gilfrid Collingwood, John Pinhorne, and Hugh Nevin. Grenadier companies did not have ensigns on their establishment.

If, as stated in the book above quoted, the Louisburg Grenadiers numbered 13 officers and 313 other ranks only, they did not muster very strong by the date when the second of these two casualty lists was compiled, for they had by then had 1 officer and 13 rank and file killed, 7 officers and 112 rank and file wounded—a total of 8 officers out of 13, and 125 non-commissioned officers and men out of 313.

The other officer-casualties were Capt. John Hamilton and Lieut. Samuel Bradstreet of the 40th, wounded, while Lieut. Humphry Jones of the 22nd is shown as wounded in the first return—probably only slightly—and killed in the second.

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XII

THE 95TH REGIMENT IN CENTRAL INDIA IN THE AUTUMN OF 1858

(SOME time ago, in the years immediately preceding the outbreak of the Great War, Col. Whitmore Smith, a son of the Brigadier of that name, who commanded the Brigade of which the 95th formed part from April, 1858, to the end of the Central India campaign, gave me two large bundles of original documents dealing with the events of those days—letters, telegrams, etc., from Sir Hugh Rose, Gen. Napier, Gen. Roberts, and others. When the War came, these papers were "stored," and have only lately come into my hands again, and I have endeavoured to use some of these to clear up the events of September and October, 1858, as to which the late Gen. Raines' account in No. 2 of the Derbyshire Campaign Series—*The 95th in Central India*—is not very explicit.—H.C.W.)

It will be remembered that after the fall of Gwalior in June, 1858, the 95th remained there for some time, marching on the 20th July to rejoin Brigadier Smith at Seepree, some eight marches distant, and in a letter from Capt. Todd, A.A.G. of Gen. Sir Hugh Rose's force, dated Morar, the 29th July, he writes: "I fear Colonel Raines," commanding the 95th, "must have had very bad marching if he has had anything like the rain that we have had here." At Gwalior the Regiment had been housed in old cavalry stables and huts which let in the rain, and had suffered much in health. The Regiment had done much good work, and the authorities seemed anxious that the 95th should under no circumstances be prevented from taking the field again, and Gen. Roberts wrote to Brigadier Smith from Gwalior on the 30th July: "Pray tell Colonel Raines that on examination of the rear

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of the lines he occupied I thought the locality so dangerous that I would not have let the men remain in them on any account after the 15th August. His sick are being cared for. I went to see them the morning after he left, and shall see them probably to-morrow. The clergyman has seen them frequently."

Brigadier Smith appears to have been ordered to move as rapidly as possible on Powrie, a fortified village some 20 miles N.W. of Seepree, which had shortly before been captured by the rebel chief, Man Singh, but there were no heavy guns with the Brigade, and the monsoon had rendered the roads impassable and the rivers unfordable, and he was not able to march before the 6th August.

In a letter to Gen. Napier, dated the 2nd August, the Brigadier says, that " if the report of the road is at all favourable I have fatigue parties of the 95th and 10th N.I. ready to proceed on the road accompanied by native working parties to repair, if possible, the bad parts. . . . I hope to have a barrack for a portion of the 95th ready by to-morrow or next day, but unfortunately a portion of the wall has fallen in, which has retarded the work."

Then follow two communications which the Brigadier may have received when on the march to Powrie or which possibly arrived at Seepree after he had left. The first of these is an Intelligence wire sent off from Indore on the 7th, informing him that the rebels were reported as crossing the Banas river about Mundelghar, and that they were between 3000–4000 strong and were accompanied by the arch-rebel Tantia Topee and other leaders. The other letter is a long one of the same date from Gen. Napier at Gwalior, giving some account of the defences at Powrie and stating that reinforcements neither in men or guns could be sent to aid Brigadier Smith in his projected operations. Napier seems to have rather taken the view that Powrie was a small ill-defended place, that the rebel force in the vicinity was contemptible and could easily be defeated, while a small body of troops masked Powrie itself; but on arrival before Powrie it was found to be a strong place mounting several guns, and Smith then decided to wait to attack it until some heavy guns should reach him. Napier seems then to have rather changed

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his tune and urged Smith on no account to attack with the guns of his Horse Artillery Battery only; and finally Napier himself marched from Gwalior with reinforcements and guns, arriving before Powrie on the 19th August. In the meantime, however, Smith had received a letter from a friend, a Col. Duberley, urging caution and winding up by saying: "If there is any fighting *don't* go sticking your head into the mouths of the guns as you did at Gwalior; make those do it whose heads are empty and would be better filled—even with gunpowder."

The 95th in Central India tells of the fall of Powrie, and mentions on p. 53 that while the bulk of the Regiment returned to Seepree on the 31st August, a pursuing column, of which some of the 95th formed part, was sent, in pursuit of the rebels, under a Lt.-Col. Robertson. A paper among the documents herein quoted from gives the composition of this column as:

1 division 3rd Troop Horse Artillery
(1 gun and 1 howitzer).
2 guns 4/2 Battery.
1 squadron 8th Hussars.
1 detachment Meade's Horse.
1 corporal and 6 privates R.E.
1 detachment 86th Regiment.
100 men 95th Regiment.
10th Native Infantry.
1 detachment 25th Native Infantry.

In a letter from Gen. Napier to Brigadier Smith, dated the 15th September, the former recommends an officer of the 95th for appointment to the Staff. He writes: "Also if you should want an adjutant-general—Lieut. Crealock.* I should be glad to recommend him for one of the new corps if he had passed."

On the 15th September Gen. Michel defeated a rebel force under Tantia Topee, taking several guns, and on the 18th he wrote to Brigadier Smith, then at Goona: "Where are you and where are you going? I take the Indore column across the Pesbulty on the 20th. I am marching on Siew to cover

* Later Major-Gen. J. N. Crealock, C.B., who died commanding the Rawalpindi District in 1895.

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Bhopal. I propose then co-operating with you towards Seronge, if, as I believe, you are ordered there. The fugitives from Tantia Topee's force are marching—I believe—on Seronge." Brigadier Smith seems to have marched at once, for in a letter to Gen. Michel, dated Siew the 21st September, he tells him he had arrived there that morning, his orders being to march to Bhopal via Goona and Seronge, that he had just received a telegram from Gen. Napier saying the rebels were marching on Shahabad and telling him (Smith) to try and intercept them; there was further news that the enemy was coming to Rajnagar. Smith wrote that he was waiting only to make sure of their true direction and then move off. The information received seems to have been very conflicting, and Smith was still halted on the 24th, when he wrote to Gen. Michel saying he proposed, weather permitting, to march next day on Seronge, where he heard that there were from 12000–14000 rebels with 9 guns, with two other bodies of varying strength in their neighbourhood; that as he had to leave a garrison behind him at least equal in strength to the party he was taking with him, he could not dispose of a body of troops of much greater strength than that of a regiment, but hoped to reach Seronge on the 28th.

There were several British columns now converging on the enemy force about Seronge, and Brigadier Smith was now ordered not to attack before the 29th September so as to give time for the other columns to come up. Smith's mounted men pushed on, however, and reached Seronge on the 30th, only to find that the rebels had fled towards Esaghar before dawn on the 28th, and Smith was ordered to move to the N. of Esaghar to try and cut them off. Smith reached Esaghar too late, and was then directed—being at the time at a place called Serai—to move his brigade along the left bank of the Betwa river towards Jhansi, and at the same time he was informed that Gen. Michel had been placed in command of all the Rajputana forces, including Smith's brigade. Then, on the 15th October, Smith, who had just previously been told to send his infantry to Chundeiree, was directed not to move with the rest of his force more than one march beyond Serai, but to take up some position towards the N. or N.W. whence he could move back to Serai to cover the Reit and

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Kanowta Ghats, or move to the N. to cover the ghats leading to Esaghar or Ranod. At Ranod the rebels were soundly beaten by Gen. Napier, but Smith's column seems to have been mainly employed in marching about the country, in watching the fords whereby the rebels might cross the Betwa and other rivers, and generally in keeping the enemy on the run.

These papers contain little more that is of interest, and they almost entirely consist of letters and telegrams containing instructions sent to Brigadier Smith—there are few if any of his own letters and reports.

The last document contained in this bundle is a telegram dated the 16th November, saying: "You cannot do better than establish yourself at Esaghar if there are no orders from Gen. Napier. Man Singh"—the same rebel chief who had commanded at Powrie—"and his uncle are threatening Esaghar."

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XIII

ENNETIÈRES REVISITED

By W. H. W.

I LEFT Lille on the morning of November 17th, 1923, and took the tram to the Calvary of Lomme. From there a walk of less than two miles brought me past Fort d'Englos to the village of Ennetières.

The farm at the head of the village street (near the machine-gun position) has now been rebuilt. The N.E. half of the wood which formed the centre of the A Company position has been entirely destroyed. The trees, except three, have been grubbed up, and that portion (about 80 yards by 70) has been ploughed. The S.W. half of the wood still remains, but it looks very different. All the dense undergrowth has been cleared away. The trees, planted in straight lines, now look like a gigantic orchard. There is a slight hollow behind the front hedge (where our trenches were), but the trenches here, and everywhere else round the village, are entirely obliterated. The hedge round the wood has recovered very well, and marks the position admirably, as also the hedge nearer the road, behind which was No. 1 Platoon.

The ruins of part of the distillery still stand, but there is no sign of the tall chimney. The outside wall has been rebuilt, and the enclosure is occupied by the "Reconstruction Authorities." There is no sign at all of the short trenches to the N. of the village street. In these trenches, according to the picture in the *Illustrierte Zeitung*, of December 3rd, 1914, many of our dead were buried.

A great many houses have been rebuilt in the village of Ennetières, but much still remains to be done. The house used as Battalion H.Q. was entirely demolished, and only the foundations remain, as also the house at the S.E. corner of

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the cross-roads (where a French woman was killed by a shell on October 18th, 1914). On the other hand, the farm at the S.W. corner of the cross-roads, which was occupied by B Company on October 19th, has now been rebuilt.

There is nothing left of the houses on the cross-road towards the N. (to the E. Yorks trenches), which were occupied by two Platoons of A Company for some hours on October 19th. Of the Church nothing remains standing except four of the columns on the S. side of the nave. I was informed that the Church was to be rebuilt in 1924. There is still some trace of the trench on the cross-road leading to Escobecques. This was occupied by No. 1 Platoon on October 18th, and taken over by Lieut. Martin's Platoon of B Company on the evening of the following day.

The ruins of the two farm-houses mark clearly the position of the two Platoons of D Company to the S.W. of Ennetières, while a concrete German work marks the site of the trench occupied by Lieut. Smith, close to the cross-road running to Escobecques. From this post to the bridge under the railway is only 500 yards. The high embankment running N. from a point W. of Escobecques entirely cuts off all view from the E. side, and this enabled the Germans to move N. entirely unseen and unsuspected.

I walked down the road from Ennetières to La Vallée. The " sandpit " really is a sandpit, and not a quarry. It is not nearly as high as I had thought. I walked up from the cross-roads in La Vallée to the Windmill. The foundations still remain. It stands beside the road. I had never been there before. I always thought that the Mill stood on a ridge at a considerable height above Ennetières. It is practically on the same level, and there is a track running on the high ground from near the Church to the Mill. The road drops down into La Vallée, and then climbs up to the Mill. It is only 259 yards from the cross-road in La Vallée to the Windmill. We passed this cross-road after dark on October 20th, and went on without knowing it right into the Germans. The point where we were surrounded was within 400 yards of the Windmill. I had never seen this ground by day. We advanced from La Vallée after dark on October 18th.

After inspecting the positions occupied by Drury-Lowe and

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Smith, which I had never seen before, I walked to Escobecques. I was now able to appreciate the fact that the Germans, when once they had reached a point 500 yards E. of Escobecques, were completely hidden from our position, until they saw fit to cross the railway embankment for the purpose of rushing Smith's trenches from the rear, or to attack La Vallée. From the high ground near the cross-roads, 1100 yards E. of Escobecques, I had an excellent view of the S. side of our position on October 20th. Certainly the extent of it is astounding!

I spent four hours going carefully over the ground. I then walked to Haubourdin, and took the tram back to Lille.

In the churchyard at Ennetières there is a War Memorial to 63 men of the village (1 officer and 62 other ranks), who fell in the War, and also to 23 civilians (including 12 women) who were killed. This is an appalling casualty list from a village the population of which at the last Census only amounted to 693. It brings home to one what the War meant to France.

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XIV

THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF HANNAH SNELL, THE "FEMALE MARINE"

(Of Fraser's Marines, then numbered 45 in the Army.)

"Hannah in briggs behaved so well
That none her softer sex could tell."
Contemporary Poem.

AN expedition under the command of Admiral Boscawen left England in November, 1746, with the object of attacking the French Possessions in the East. It arrived off the Island of Mauritius on the 23rd June, 1747; but the Admiral found the coast so well fortified and the French troops so much on the alert, that he decided to leave it alone and try his luck on the Coromandel coast of India, and see what he could effect at Pondicherry. He was joined at Fort St. David's by a squadron under the command of Admiral Griffin, bringing up his total strength to six sail of the line and four 50-gun ships, besides several ships belonging to the East India Company. His military force amounted to no less than 5220 men, inclusive of 880 Marines belonging to his squadron. Having landed his men, he first made an unsuccessful attack on the outlying fort of Arian Coupan. A second attack was more deliberately undertaken, and eventually the British became masters of the fort owing to the explosion of its magazine. Siege was then laid to Pondicherry, but it proved too much for the besiegers, who, in the end, abandoned their attempt and withdrew, after suffering considerable loss. As no record of the special doings of the 880 Marines present is available, it is not proposed to give any more detailed account of these operations; but they are noteworthy from the fact that in the ranks of the Marines there fought a woman, by the name of Hannah Snell. And by

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all accounts she fought both bravely and well. As this incident is well known in the Corps, some account of this extraordinary woman will not be out of place. There have been two or three written at different times, and some of them have very probably been considerably "embroidered," but the main story of her life and adventures is most likely quite true.

Hannah Snell is said to have been the daughter of a hosier and dyer at Worcester, and the granddaughter of a soldier who was killed at Malplaquet. Born in 1723, she became an orphan in 1740, and went to live with a sister who was married to a carpenter—James Gray, by name—of Ship Street, Wapping. Here, unfortunately for her, she married a Dutchman, James Lumms, or Summs. Dutch Jim squandered all her little property, and then, to use a naval expression, discharged all further obligations to her with the foretopsail. In other words, he ran away and deserted her. Not long afterwards she became the mother of a little girl, who only lived seven months. She was now alone, and being of a very self-reliant disposition, and still retaining her affection for her worthless husband, made up her mind to set out in pursuit of him. It is presumed that she must have heard some rumour of his whereabouts; but none of her chroniclers refer to this, they merely state that having borrowed a suit of clothes belonging to her brother-in-law, the carpenter, she made her way to Coventry. At that city she could hear nothing of Dutch Jim, and took it into her head to enlist in Captain Miller's Company of General Guise's Regiment. Her recruiter, a corporal, "and other soldiers were good enough to drink copiously with their new comrade, and insisted that he (she) should have the honour of paying."

Hannah had no prejudice against soldiers, as many people had in those and even in later and more enlightened times. All her brothers were in the Army, and all her sisters married to soldiers except Mrs. Gray, of Wapping. Indeed, if we are to believe one account, even when a child she had declared she meant to be a soldier when she grew up, and "formed a company of young soldiers among her play-fellows, at the head of whom she often appeared, and was used to parade the whole city of Worcester. These young Amazons were

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much admired, and they were styled 'Young Amazon Snell's Company.'" Anyway, Hannah was a soldier now, and soon after her enlistment left Coventry, in company with seventeen other recruits, and marched all the way to Carlisle—or Newcastle, according to another account. It took three weeks to get there, but Hannah proved herself a good marcher, and made no more of the journey than her male comrades.

Her first experiences on arrival at her destination were not altogether pleasant ones. "Among other trials her sergeant confided to her his very evil intentions in regard to a young girl whom Hannah, true to her sex, immediately warned." Gratitude for this begat a friendship which cost Hannah dear. The sergeant, naturally thinking that the supposed "rookie" had cut him out with his inamorata, trumped up a charge of neglect of duty against Snell, who was sentenced to receive 600 lashes. Her chroniclers aver that 500 of these were actually inflicted, the balance being remitted. This is somewhat hard to believe, when one recollects the procedure adopted at such punishments in those days.

The "unjust treatment," they say, "made her desert." The probability is that she managed to get away and desert* before her punishment was inflicted. In any case, off she went, and exchanging her red coat for that of a labourer which she saw lying in a field about a mile from the town, she started off to tramp to Portsmouth. Here it is said that she found lodgings with the wife of the Drum-Major of the regiment she had deserted from, which seems curious, unless we assume that the Drum-Major had been made aware of her sex, and had arranged for her getting away to Portsmouth, which is not altogether unlikely. But, however this may have been, and whether Mrs. Drum-Major was or was not in the secret, her sister Catherine took her lodger to be an attractive young man, and so pestered him with her attentions, that Hannah was driven to escape from her by once more taking the King's shilling and enlisting—this time in the Marines,†

* According to another account she did not desert at once, but only upon the arrival of a new recruit from Worcester, her native place, who, she feared, would recognize her.

† On 27th November, 1745.

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in Col. Fraser's Regiment, which, in three weeks' time, found itself embarked in Admiral Boscawen's fleet bound for the East. Hannah formed one of the detachment of Marines on board the *Swallow* sloop.

"Hannah," says one writer of her adventures, "was a popular comrade and much caressed by her messmates, for whom she would gladly wash or mend or cook. A lieutenant* noticing her deftness asked her to 'join his mess' as his servant. Soon she was looked on as the handiest youth in the ship. The *Swallow* had a rough passage to Lisbon. There she lived for a short time ashore with her master, and the landlady's daughter was very kind to her, but Hannah 'enjoyed without committing herself'"—whatever that may mean. In another account we hear of her taking her turn at the pumps during a storm, going frequently aloft and establishing a reputation for courage, skill, and intrepidity, by declining "no office however dangerous." Leaving Lisbon, the fleet sailed for the Cape, and thence to Mauritius, and on to the Coromandel coast, during which portion of their voyage Hannah and her shipmates were reduced to short allowance of provisions, and but a pint of water a day. We next hear of her disembarking with the rest of the Marines, and "after a three-weeks' march," joining the rest of the Army before Arian Coupan. Three weeks seems to be a recurring period in Hannah's adventures, by the way. As has been already mentioned, Arian Coupan was to have been stormed, but a shell having burst and blown up their magazine, the besieged were obliged to abandon it. "This adventure gave Hannah fresh spirits, and her intrepid conduct acquired the commendation of all the officers."

"The Army," goes on this account, "then proceeded to the attack on Pondicherry, and after lying before that place eleven weeks, and suffering very great hardships, they were obliged by the rainy season to abandon the siege. Hannah was the first in the party of English foot who forded the river, breast-high, under an incessant fire from a French battery. She was likewise on the picket guard, continued on that duty seven nights successively, and laboured very hard about fourteen days at throwing up the trenches. In one of

* Lieut. Wyegate of the Marines according to one account.

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the attacks, however, her career was well-nigh terminated." Standing knee-deep in the water which flooded the trenches, she fired no less than thirty-seven rounds from her musket, and received, according to her own account, six bullets in her right leg, five in her left, " and a dangerous flesh wound, which, had she applied for assistance, would have revealed her secret." The surgeons attended to the other eleven wounds, and as regards the other, " she with her finger and thumb probed it, and finding the bullet, drew it forth, and dressed the wound with lint and salve, which she prevailed upon a black woman to give her." She made a " perfect cure," it is stated—germs not then being invented.

During the time she was *hors de combat* most of the fleet had sailed, so that when she could get about again she found herself on board the *Tartar* pink, and performed the duty of a sailor till the fleet returned from Madras, when she was drafted to the *Eltham*, which was on her way to Bombay. Here the ship remained for five weeks undergoing repairs. One night the First Lieutenant (who was in command, the Captain being on shore), " knowing the young Marine could sing merrily, roughly bad her begin. She told him she was indisposed. He, not a little proud (like most other upstarts) of his new post in charge of the ship, peremptorily insisted on her singing. She stoutly refused. This cost her dearly. She was accused of the theft of a messmate's shirt. She pleaded innocence truly, but she was clapped in irons for five days, got twelve lashes at the gangway, and had to continue at the masthead for four hours." The missing shirt was not long afterwards found in the chest of the man who had reported its loss. The crew, who were believers in Hannah's innocence, took an opportunity, later on, when the ship had reached England, and was being unrigged before paying off, of avenging her wrongs on the Lieutenant by letting a block fall from aloft " by accident " upon his head. This officer now goes out of the story, and most likely he went out of the world at the same time. But the chroniclers do not say.

The *Eltham* sailed from Bombay as soon as she had completed her refit, and made for home. According to one account, Lieut. Wyegate also left Bombay in the *Eltham*, on 20th November, 1749, and died the very next day. Hannah

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then became servant to Mr. Kite, the second Lieutenant of the ship, for two months, after which she served Mr. Wallace, the third Lieutenant, for the same period. At Lisbon, leave was given to the crew, and Hannah went ashore with her messmates. She had a special object in this. Her continued lack of any indication of a beard had proved a sore trial to her on the voyage home, for the seamen "would damn her in their familiar way, and stigmatize her with the disagreeable title of 'Miss Molly Gray.'" In consequence, "she flung herself head first into a series of adventures at Lisbon, whose nature was anything but doubtful." The result was all she could have wished. As her loyal historian tells us: "Our heroine, by thus affecting a gaiety of heart that was not sincere, and by acting such parts as in secret gave her the utmost disgust, gave a new turn to her character, and her title to manhood was no more suspected." Her chronicler never lets us forget her high purpose and her distaste for her surroundings, but it is to be feared that the lady herself sometimes forgot both. It was entirely to keep her secret, we are assured, that "she frequently went on shore with one part of the crew or another, where her ears were every moment pierced through with the most execrable oaths that could be invented; neither durst she, though the sounds were in reality ever so disagreeable to her, show the least disgust at their manner of conversation. And notwithstanding that she was an eye-witness of a thousand unseemly actions of which they were too frequently guilty, and which almost shocked her, yet, considering she was in masquerade, and a brother tar, she was not only forced to connive at, but seemingly to countenance and approve." Well, perhaps. Anyway, the nickname of "Molly Gray" was changed to "Hearty Jemmy." While "painting the town red," in Lisbon, Hannah fell in with an English sailor from whom she at length received some tidings of her long-lost husband. The news must have been distressing if she still retained any affection for the truant gentleman, but it related that she was able to "conceal her emotion." For her new acquaintance informed her that he had been at Genoa when Mr. Summs (or Lumms) had taken it into his head to murder a somewhat prominent citizen of that port. In expiation for his crime the authorities

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had had him fastened up in a sack, well weighted with stones, and thrown into the harbour. So here was an end of Dutch Jim, and of the alleged object of Hannah's wanderings about the world.

When the *Eltham* arrived at Spithead, Hannah, we are told, "took lodgings at 'The Jolly Marine,' and lived as a Marine among her comrades. She roved over the town, swore and drank at every public-house." She evidently was not afraid of being "almost shocked" again. At Portsmouth she fell in with the lady for whose sake she had been sentenced to a flogging at Carlisle, and who suggested to the supposed Marine that he should marry her. Hannah got out of the difficulty by saying that she must first go to London to get her pay and discharge from the Service. To London she went, but did not return. She betook herself to her old quarters at Wapping, and was received most affectionately by her sister, Mrs. Gray. "On taking her discharge* she had a last drinking bout with her comrades, and paid her reckoning like a man, and said: 'Gentlemen, you will never see your friend and fellow-soldier, Jemmy Gray, any more.' All said, 'God forbid.' Then she burst out laughing. 'Why, gentlemen, Jemmy Gray, you will find, will, before we part, cast his skin like a snake and become a new creature." Then, after a joke or two in her old manner, she declared herself, "I am as much a woman as ever my mother was, and my name is Hannah Snell."

All were astounded, it is stated, and one of her Marine chums wanted then and there to marry her. But Hannah had had enough of matrimony and declined the honour.

It was not long before her remarkable story became the talk of the town, and having a good voice she made capital out of her notoriety by accepting an engagement at the Royalty Theatre, in Well Close Square, where she appeared in the character of Bill Bobstay, a sailor, and also Firelock, a Marine, in which rôle, clad "in full regimentals from top to toe; and with her attendants, she went through the whole Military Catechism, with no little hesitation or default that even veteran soldiers have freely acknowledged that what she undertakes she executes to perfection." Nor did she

* On 9th June, 1750.

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make any bones about singing her own exploits, witness the following verse from a song she used to sing on the stage :—

"In the midst of blood and slaughter,
Bravely fighting for my king,
Facing death from every quarter
Fame and conquest home to bring.
Sure, you'll own 'tis more than common,
And the world proclaims it, too,
Never yet did any woman
More for love and glory do."

She did not make a long stay on the "boards," having made up her mind to set up a public-house. In the meantime, various friends and admirers got up a petition on her behalf for a pension, and it is related that the Duke of Cumberland, "moved by her heroism, her unjust sufferings, and blameless life," represented her case to the King, and induced him to settle upon her a shilling a day for life.*

Hannah now settled down to her new rôle of the "Jovial Publican," and took a public-house at Wapping. On one side of her sign-board was "painted the figure of a jolly British Tar, and on the other the valiant Marine; underneath was inscribed: 'The Widow in Masquerade, or the Female Warrior.'" She proposed "to sell the best liquors at the lowest prices," and seems to have done pretty well, for it is said that her reputation as a warrior and an actress brought all the mariners in the neighbourhood to her house, "and she lived many years in adding to their conviviality and cheer." She still wore a man's dress, generally with a laced hat and cockade, a sword and ruffles. Some years later she followed her sister's example and married a carpenter, one Eyles, of Newbury, in Berkshire. A son was born to her, to whom a "lady of fortune" stood godmother, as she had contracted a great admiration for Hannah and her story. She gave a practical proof of her friendship by contributing towards his education. Hannah afterwards lived for some time with her son at Church Street, Stoke Newington; but it is sad to relate that at the age of sixty-six the old ex-Marine began to evince symptoms of insanity, and had to be admitted

* £30 a year according to another account.

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as a patient to the Bethlem Hospital, where her adventurous career terminated on 8th February, 1792.

So ends the story of Hannah Snell, the Female Marine. We may believe as much or as little as we please of it. There are several incidents mentioned in it which do not seem to fit in with what we know of naval and military matters, even as things went in those far-away times. But whatever the exaggerations, and embellishments, it is substantially true and a good story to boot, and the interest which has always been taken in it by the Marine Corps is evinced by the number of portraits of the militant lady which adorn the various officers' and sergeants' messes.

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XV

THE RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE BRITISH SUBALTERN

(This is a true story—or at least as true as any good story has any right to be.)

BY EX-C.O.

I HAVE always had a soft spot in my heart for the ordinary British Subaltern, and even in those far-off days of happy memory when I was that comparatively unapproachable but really perfectly harmless individual—a Commanding Officer—I was usually able, in my own interests, to establish and maintain the very best possible relations with my Subalterns, although I can recall one memorable occasion when the intimacy of those relations, and the mutual confidence they inspired, might easily have got me into very serious trouble—as I am now about to relate.

It was during the winter of 1901–1902 that I was commanding a battalion of the Old Regiment—to use a phrase which has become historic—"somewhere" in South Africa. Incidentally I was also commanding a district about the size of Holland, although my emoluments were, I imagine, considerably less than the sum which Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina draws for performing much the same duties, but with very much less risk; as a matter of fact, the British financial authorities only gave *me* one shilling and sixpence a day for my job. My district was a very lovely one; if not exactly flowing with milk and honey, it was watered by many large and perennial streams, was sheltered by a great wall of mountain from the cold wind which blows from the Antarctic, and was generally merciful to man if not to his beast, for horse-sickness was very deadly at certain seasons. In other ways the district—parts of it—was unhealthy; it was the happy hunting-ground of the itinerant "Boojer" commando, and when one went visiting it was as well to take a mounted escort, less for show than for business.

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During the course of that winter my headquarters and capital was visited by one of those British columns which used to wander—somewhat aimlessly, as it seemed to us—about the face of the country, seeking whom and what they might devour. This particular column was largely composed of Colonial mounted troops, and was led by that redoubtable and hard-bitten South African warrior, Col. Filibuster, M.L.A., a soldier who had fought in all the Kaffir wars of the last thirty years, and up and down the three Colonies during the protracted "scrap" then in progress. He and his men settled down for three or four days outside our defences; but, so far as I could detect, all that they seemed to devour were the few poor stores of food and drink remaining in our humble little field force canteen; having swept this quite clean in a thoroughly business-like manner, they struck their camp and moved gaily on to graze somewhere else.

On the morning of their departure, Col. Filibuster, having sent his commando on, came over to my quarters to bid me good-bye. I fancied from the way in which he permitted the conversation to languish, and which I was not vain enough to ascribe to his sorrow at parting from me, that he had something on his mind; and sure enough he presently roused himself sufficiently to complain with something of bitterness, but really on the whole more in sorrow than in anger, that two of his very best horses had unaccountably disappeared while he had been quartered in my immediate neighbourhood.

I was prepared to be duly sympathetic, when he made me positively snort with, I hope, a not unholy indignation, by actually seeming to suggest that the disappearance of these valuable animals might conceivably be due to some regimental agency!

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to state that I repudiated this wholly surprising and unwarrantable suggestion with a warmth which I have since felt inclined to regret, and with the result that when we had both finished what we had to say on this distressing subject, and Col. Filibuster finally left my *stoep*, a distinct coldness had arisen between us, and our parting lacked all trace of that bonhomie which had been so marked a feature of our intercourse during the few genial days we had spent in one another's company.

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I now approach the real point of my story, where the resourcefulness of the British Subaltern comes in.

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Col. Filibuster had not been gone much more than an hour —what the poet calls "a little hour or so"—when I was informed that my groom wanted to see me; and on his being admitted he asked me, with the broadest possible grin on his face, whether I was aware that *there were two strange horses in my stable!*

Struggling successfully with a momentary faintness, I said—"No"—and then, recovering, I asked, in the rude language of the camp, how the devil they got there.

Upon this my groom explained, with infinite relish, that these two valuable animals, neither of which he had ever met before, had been introduced into my stable very late the previous night under circumstances of extraordinary mystery, and under the personal escort of 2nd Lieut. So-and-so of my own Battalion!

I sent for that light-fingered but resourceful young officer, and we had quite a friendly little chat; and I then explained to him that while I did not mind how many horses he stole, provided (1) he was not found out, and (2) that they were in every way suitable for the regimental mounted infantry company, there were still certain well-established rules in the thieves' code which really must be observed; and that one of the most important of these was, that under no circumstances must the Commanding Officer be made an accessory to the crimes of the Subaltern—that a Lieut.-Colonel must not, even unconsciously, be made the receiver of the stolen goods of the 2nd Lieutenant. My resourceful young comrade listened to my remarks with that look on his face of mingled respect, boredom, and resignation which the majority of us have no doubt occasionally detected on the countenances of our subordinates when they think, no doubt not without reason, that the superior is being quite unnecessarily fussy; but he was so good as to remark that he would observe my instructions for the future; and from the fact that he has since risen to be quite a senior officer in the Best of all Possible Regiments, I have no doubt whatever but that he has kept his word.

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XVI

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Sherwood Foresters' Heroic Dead

Names of 11,409 Officers and Men

Mayor accepts Roll of Honour from Duke of Portland

ON the 29th January, 1924, in the presence of a gathering of prominent public men in the city and county of Nottingham, members of the Sherwood Foresters' Memorial Committee, and members of the Notts. Territorial Army Association, the Duke of Portland, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, handed to the Mayor of Nottingham (Ald. J. Houston) the Roll of Honour Book containing the names of officers and men belonging to the famous Notts. and Derbys who died during the Great War.

The ceremony, of a quiet and impressive character, took place in the Exchange Hall, Nottingham, and the Roll of Honour volume, which will subsequently find a suitable resting-place in the Castle Museum, is a distinctly handsome piece of work. It is well bound in vellum, the crest of the Notts. and Derbyshires, appearing in a frame of gilt, occupying the title cover. The frontispiece is an excellent example of the mosaic art. At the top of the page are the Colours and cap badge of the Regiment, whilst flanking either side, and at the foot, is inscribed its battle history. In the centre, in gold lettering, upon a green background, is this cogent inscription: "To remind us of their sacrifices and our duty." The whole production has been entirely hand-made.

The Duke of Portland presided, and said he thought the volume might rightly be called either a Book of Remembrance or a Roll of Honour, for in it were inscribed the names of 11,409 gallant and patriotic officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the various battalions of

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the Sherwood Foresters, Notts. and Derbyshire Regiment, who nobly and heroically gave their services and their lives for their King and country during the Great War. After a passing reference to the erection of the monument on the summit of Crich Hill, in Derbyshire, the Duke added that this volume and a tablet to be erected in a prominent place in the city, would complete the scheme so far as the city and county were concerned.

His Grace trusted that what has been done and what will be done would have the approval of all those who were in any way interested in the Regiment. A duplicate of the volume had been presented to the Mayor of Derby for custody in that town.

It was hoped that these volumes would be accessible to the public, under proper supervision, and he trusted that for many years to come the names recorded in them would be held in remembrance, affection, honour, and veneration. In handing that Book of Remembrance over to the safe keeping of the Mayor and of those who, in course of time, would follow him in his responsible office, the Duke said he felt confident that it would be regarded as a very proud and precious possession by the citizens of Nottingham and by the inhabitants of the county.

The Mayor considered it a high privilege, a duty, and a pleasure to accept on behalf of the Council and the citizens of Nottingham that volume which His Grace had rightly described as a Book of Remembrance and a Roll of Honour. He felt he could safely undertake that it should be for all time kept in the safe custody of the Corporation. He thought they would all agree that the most suitable place for such a memorial as that was their old historic Castle, which was now a public museum. Perhaps for a little while the reading of those names within its covers might cause some little pangs of sorrow, but in the future it would be a cause for considerable pride and satisfaction.

They all felt a considerable pride that the sons of Nottingham during the Great War discharged their duty patriotically, and the names inscribed in that book would always be a living truth of that fact. In accepting the volume the Mayor said they would always regard it with veneration and love,

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and do their duty as its safe custodians. He was also quite sure it would be highly appreciated by the citizens.

The Mayor of Derby (Mr. F. H. Porter) referred to the Regiment as an example of how the men of Nottingham and Derby stood together against the enemy as one man, and how to-day the same good feeling existed between the two places.

The Sheriff of Nottingham (Mr. A. Judd) said that in addition to reminding them of the sacrifices made the book brought a measure of thankfulness that those awful days were over, never, he hoped, to return again. They hoped the world would grow wiser, and that the manhood to follow would have higher and nobler purposes to achieve.

Ald. E. L. Manning (Chairman of the Castle Museum Committee) said they would be pleased to have that Book of Remembrance for perpetual retention in the Castle. In the past the Castle had signified war and attack; now it signified love of peace and the fine arts. They were gradually emerging from a time of stress into a time of peace, and he prayed to God that the book might always be a symbol to every man in the two counties of peace and unity amongst them.

The Mayor of Mansfield (Mr. J. H. White) said they in Mansfield were proud of the fact that in no other place did the men rally more earnestly to their country's standard, and if they in their day and generation could do something in a different sphere to show that they were not unworthy of the sacrifices they made for them it would be the best memorial they could give.

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XVII

ANNUAL DINNER OF OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT, OF THE 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS AND SOME OTHER MATTERS

THIS Dinner, as for some years past, was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, on the 5th June, 1924, preceded in the afternoon by the Reunion of the Ladies of the Regiment, which has now been an annual gathering since 1919. Some fifty people attended, including General Sir H. L. and Lady Smith-Dorrien, Lt.-Gen. Sir W. and Lady Marshall, Mrs. Paske, whose late husband served many years in the 95th and only retired in 1882, the two daughters of the late Lt.-Col. John Campbell, and many others. One bold young spirit was present from the ranks of the serving subalterns—wholly unattended!

The gathering at the Forty-ninth Dinner provided a record attendance—sixty-nine—made up as follows: General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O. (in the Chair); Lieut.-Gens. Sir F. C. Shaw, K.C.B., P.C., and Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.; Brig.-Gens. H. A. Iggulden, C.I.E., P. Leveson-Gower, C.M.G., D.S.O., J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., and O. C. Wolley-Dod, C.B., D.S.O.; Cols. E. C. Dowse, J. McCleverty, W. E. Pye, C.I.E., B. G. V. Way, C.B.E., M.V.O., and H. C. Wylly, C.B.; Lt.-Cols. W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O., C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., T. H. M. Green, D.S.O., J. H. Hallows, C. D. Harvey, D.S.O., L. Impey, C.S.I., C.I.E., C.B.E., R. H. Keller, D.S.O., O.B.E., J. A. Reeks, O.B.E., R. V. Savile, C.B.E., A. B. Wayte, D.S.O., K. C. Weldon, D.S.O., J. S. Wilkinson, D.S.O., M.C., and J. H. Wybergh; Majors F. R. Anley, E. L. Bowring, D.S.O., O.B.E., E. N. T. Collin, J. M. S. Crealock, C. S. Crofton, R. T. Foster, D.S.O., E. A. G. Gosset, C. E. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., H. B. Hume, O.B.E., J. H.

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Mathias, O.B.E., J. N. Meares, C. C. Parkinson, M.V.O., F. Porter, H. V. Rhodes, O.B.E., M. B. Webb, W. H. Wilkin, and R. B. Young; Capts. W. A. Ebsworth, W. W. Hancock, F. E. Jones, M.C., J. A. M. Lang, O.B.E., H. L. B. Mills, R. O. Nevitt, W. A. Platt, W. M. Robinson, R. B. Tower, M.C., J. D'a. Whicher, H. B. D. Willcox, D.S.O., M.C., and J. E. Wright; Lieuts. A. Andrews, M.C., H. F. Coleman, S. Gregory, R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C., R. G. Milward, R. E. H. Stott, C. H. A. Sturge, P. N. White, and C. R. T. Wilmot; 2nd Lieuts. E. Bastyan, S. O. Boyd, R. H. R. Clarke, C. Cockburn, A. de B. Morris, and R. E. Tufnell.

THE REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL

IT has been decided that the Beacon on the Tower shall be lighted on the undermentioned dates in the year:—

March 10th.	Neuve Chapelle, 1915.
April 6th.	Badajoz, 1812.
May 24th.	Empire Day.
June 15th.	Piave, 1918.
July 1st.	Somme, 1916.
July 31st.	Ypres, 1917.
August Bank Holiday.	
September 20th.	Alma, 1854; Aisne, 1914.
September 25th.	Loos, 1915.
September 29th.	St. Quentin Canal, 1918.
November 11th.	Armistice Day, 1918.
November 20th.	Cambrai, 1917.

UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT—FORESTER TO SLEUTH!

WE take the following from the *Times* of the 22nd October: "Lieut.-Colonel Cecil Kaye, C.S.I., C.I.E., C.B.E., is vacating the appointment of Director of Intelligence in the Home Department in India, and will be succeeded by an officer selected from the India Police. During the War Colonel Kaye was a censor at Headquarters, and unravelled many intrigues and ciphers. He was educated at Winchester, and began his service in the Derbyshire Regiment."

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Colonel Cecil Kaye was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in our Regiment on the 6th March, 1889, and joined the 2nd Battalion at Jubbulpore, becoming Lieutenant 1st November, 1890. He was a prominent member of the 2nd Battalion theatrical troupe, and also on occasion filled the post of editor of the Battalion newspaper of those days—*I'm Ninety-Five*. Whenever he meets his unworthy successor in that office he never fails to remind him that he—Cecil Kaye—was unkindly alluded to in the following terms in the number of the paper immediately following his handing-over ceremony: "The late editor has fled to the Hills and left behind him no more 'copy' than a garbled account of a company cricket match."

On leaving us for the Indian Army in 1892, Kaye joined the 21st Punjab Infantry, and saw service in the frontier troubles of 1897–98. He was D.A.Q.M.G. (Intelligence Branch), India, for five years from October, 1908, and then G.S.O.2, Army Headquarters, Simla, from 1913–20. He received his C.B.E. for service in the late War.

A BADAJOZ PICTURE

For some time past our 1st Battalion has been making inquiries with a view to obtaining a picture for regimental institutions of the Siege and Assault of Badajoz, representing particularly the part which was taken in the capture of the fortress by the 3rd Division, of which the 45th Regiment formed part. There are several Badajoz pictures in existence, mostly by modern artists, notably one, which we probably all know, depicting Wellington standing in a somewhat theatrical attitude on the breach with his cocked hat in his hand; but for some time all inquiry failed to trace any picture, contemporary or modern, representing the capture of the Castle of Badajoz by escalade—a very fine feat of arms in which the 45th Regiment bore a very leading part. Several of the best-known print-sellers were approached, but none of them had ever heard of any such picture, and it was not until application was made to Col. C. de W. Crookshank, M.P., a well-known collector of military prints, that such a picture as the Regiment desired came to light. Among Colonel Crookshank's collection was

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a set of very rare and curious prints produced during the course of the Peninsular War by an enterprising print-seller of the day under the following circumstances: When after any big battle or siege officers came home sick, or wounded, or bearing despatches, it was the custom of this print-seller to interview them, get from them all particulars of the action, and then bring out a coloured print drawn from their descriptions. These prints have no special artistic merit, are roughly drawn, and were, no doubt, hurriedly produced; but they may be taken as authentic, are certainly contemporary, and probably are as faithful representations as such can be of the actual events depicted. Col. Crookshank has very kindly allowed this particular coloured print of the escalade of the Castle of Badajoz from his collection to be reproduced by Messrs. Emery Walker, the well-known colour printers, and the 1st Battalion and Depot have between them taken fifty collotype copies, some few of these being specially coloured by hand in imitation of the original coloured print in Col. Crookshank's possession. We believe we are correct in saying that a number of these uncoloured prints are obtainable on purchase from the O.C. 1st Battalion and O.C. Depot, and purchasers can thereafter, if they so wish, have their copies hand-coloured by Messrs. Emery Walker, Ltd., 16 Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, E.C.

BANDS

We understand there are only two Bands now in India dressed in scarlet—those of H.E. the Viceroy and of our 2nd Battalion.

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XVIII

THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, 1924

THE Thirteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Educational Room, Co-operative Society Building, Derby, on Saturday, 18th October, 1924.

Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, and President of the Association, presided, and was supported by Brig.-Gen. J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., Vice-President, and Lt.-Col. C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., Chairman of the Executive Committee.

About eighty members of the Association were present. The minutes of the last General Meeting, held at Nottingham on the 20th October, 1923, were accepted as printed in the Annual Report.

Reports.—The Report of the Executive Committee on the work of the Association during the year was submitted by Lt.-Col. C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., and that of the Benevolent Committee by Major M. McGuire, O.B.E.

Accounts.—The Hon. Secretary read a statement of the several accounts made up to the 11th October, 1924. These showed balance credits of the General Fund, £127 17s. 3d.; Benevolent Fund, £221 6s. 4d.; and Wylly Guest Fund, £5 6s. 11d.

The reports and statement of accounts were accepted. The Chairman drew attention to the increased balances in hand since the 1st January, and remarked that the financial position of the Association was very satisfactory.

Election of Officers.—Lt.-Col. F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C., was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

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Executive Committee.—Capt. M. C. Billson and Messrs. A. R. Gunn, A. F. Sturges, and R. Holmes were re-elected.

District Representatives.—All were re-elected except Mr. C. H. Cobb, Derby, and Mr. S. Portington, Ilkeston, who had tendered their resignations.

A proposal by O.R.Q.M.Sergt. T. P. Thompson, that the number of District Representatives at Derby should be increased to three members, was approved.

The new members elected were: Messrs. A. Cokayne, D.C.M., F. Ludlam, and O.R.Q.M.Sergt. T. P. Thompson.

It was also agreed that the number of District Representatives in the Nottingham area should be increased to three members, Mr. J. Knight being elected as the third member.

Benevolent Committee.—The Chairman, Major M. McGuire, O.B.E., and the present members, Capt. E. A. Pollard and Messrs. B. Skerritt, J. C. Frow, J. W. Plaster, J. Tyers, and O.R.Q.M.Sergt. T. P. Thompson were re-elected.

Vice-Presidents of the Association.—Captain E. A. Pollard, in proposing that the name of Major M. McGuire, O.B.E., be added to the list of Vice-Presidents of the Association, referred to the excellent work he had done for the Association during the seventeen years he had been Chairman of the Benevolent Committee, and particularly during the period of the Great War, when he carried on the work of the Association single-handed, although very much overworked in his own department.

Seconded by Mr. W. H. Plowright and supported by the Chairman, the proposal was unanimously agreed to.

Major McGuire, in returning thanks, remarked that it was a great surprise to him when he saw the proposal on the agenda, and he very much appreciated the honour conferred upon him. His services would always be at the disposal of the Association, as well as his office, while he retained his present appointment at Nottingham.

A proposal by Mr. A. E. Milner, on behalf of the Long Eaton Branch, that a sash be approved and adopted by the Association, to be worn by members on the occasion of the Annual Gathering, etc., was not seconded, and therefore ruled out.

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A discussion on the "Ways and Means of supporting Branches," initiated by Mr. W. Bower, Ripley Branch, and a proposal by Captain S. G. Walker, "That a small grant be given by the Association for the purpose of assisting Branches which have been formed, it having been found by the Branch Secretaries that the subscriptions received are not sufficient to cover the expenditure when starting Branches," were taken together, and after various ways of affording help had been suggested by members, it was finally decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Executive Committee, who were empowered to use their own discretion in the way help should be given, and submit a report of the action taken at the next General Meeting.

The proposal to create a legal "Trust Deed" and certain amendments to the By-Laws of the Association, considered necessary in order to safeguard the Benevolent Fund from the liability to have to pay Income Tax on the dividends received from its invested funds, submitted by the Executive Committee for consideration by the General Meeting, were, on the advice of the solicitor engaged in the case, deferred and the Executive Committee authorized to consider the advisability of registering the Association under the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, and to take such action as may be advised in order to attain the desired object.

An application from the Secretary, "Village Centres for Disabled ex-Service Men," for a grant of £10 from the Funds of the Association, supported by particulars of seven men of the Regiment who have been received at the Enham Village Centre and benefited by the training there, was favourably considered and the grant approved.

The third Saturday in October, 1925, was fixed as the date for the next Annual Gathering at Nottingham.

Lt.-Col. C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., Treasurer of the Regimental Memorial Fund, read a report on the Crich Memorial. Also a report on the Regimental Cottage Homes, Mickleover, and a Statement of Accounts.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE YEAR

THE Executive Committee are again pleased to be able to report an appreciable increase in the membership of the Association, which has now reached a total of 1576, as compared with the 1340 reported at the last General Meeting, on the 20th October, 1923.

This progress is due to the excellent work of District Representatives, and also to a number of old members who have shown keen interest in the work of the Association and sent in the names of new members.

Twenty-nine Officers have been added to the roll of membership, and substantial donations to the Benevolent Fund received, as the result of a memorandum sent to Officers in February, 1923, by the Colonel of the Regiment.

Branches have been formed at Nottingham, Mansfield, and Long Eaton, and have already been the means of increasing the membership.

The Executive Committee hope that it will soon be found possible to form Branches at Derby, Newark, and Crich, thus bringing these Districts into line with those more advanced in the work of the Association.

The "Wylly Guest Fund" is now firmly established, and invitations have been sent to seven Old Comrades asking them to attend the dinner.

For the first time the Executive Committee have been called upon to select a candidate for a vacancy in the Regimental Cottage Homes at Mickleover. On the recommendation of the Benevolent Committee they approved of ex-Corpl. H. A. Wilson being allotted the vacant cottage. He is a veteran of the Sikkim Expedition of 1888, 59 years of age, and in failing health. His wife is also an invalid. They are now comfortably settled in the Home.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last General Meeting, the first Annual Pilgrimage of the members of the Association to the Regimental Memorial at Crich took place on the 4th August, 1924. A short report of the ceremony will be published in the Annual Report.

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The financial position of the Association is sound, and has improved since the last meeting, as will be seen in the Statement of Accounts.

Ordinary subscriptions are coming in up to the average of previous years.

It is with regret that the Committee have to report the death of several members during the year. In Lt.-Col. L. S. Gordon-Cumming the Association has lost a generous subscriber to the Benevolent Fund. Ex-Sergt. W. West, who was District Representative at Birmingham for several years, and took great interest in the work of the Association, also died in April last.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

From the 1st of January, 1924, to date.

THE Benevolent Committee have met at Nottingham, under the chairmanship of Major M. McGuire, O.B.E., on five occasions since the beginning of the year.

One hundred and nine applications for assistance, including several a second time, have, after investigation, been dealt with, and help has been afforded in ninety-two cases, amounting to £173 7s. 4d. A detail of these cases, and others that may be afforded assistance up to the 31st December, 1924, will be printed in the Annual Report.

The payment of a special donation of £25 from Major H. F. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., for the re-stocking of the small holding of an ex-sergeant of his old Service Battalion is not included.

Sixteen applications had to be refused for the following reasons:—

Eight were found, on investigation, not in actual need.

Three applications for loans were ruled out under the By-Laws.

One previously assisted.

One in which a medical certificate was not forthcoming to support a claim on account of ill-health.

One purely out-of-work case.

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One in which, on investigation, it was found that the income was not fully disclosed.

One the report on the case being unfavourable.

One application was referred to the 8th Battalion, and a grant of £5 received and paid through the National Benevolent Society for the Deaf to the applicant.

The grants in two cases, the applicants having served with the 4th Battalion, have been refunded by the Committee administering the funds of that Battalion.

Three cases, in which the applicants had claims on other Associations, were referred and grants were made additional to ours.

One case in particular might be mentioned. The applicant was in urgent need of assistance, and required the sum of £5, in order to pay a specialist's fee for the examination of his wife who was in ill-health and towards the expenses of sending her to a Home of Rest. The Benevolent Committee decided to make a grant of £2 10s., provided that the other Association concerned granted a similar amount. On referring the case, however, it was found that as the applicant was not a member of the other Association their grant was limited to 10s. The Committee, therefore, as the case was urgent, decided to grant the additional £2 required, in recognition of the distinguished service of the applicant, who was awarded the D.C.M. while serving in the Regiment during the Great War.

The case of a widow, who considered that she was not being treated fairly by the Ministry of Pensions, in the matter of educational grants for her children, was taken up by the Committee, and the result was an increased grant, which the Committee thought met the needs of the case.

The expenditure, so far, is on the increase, as up to the time of the Annual General Meeting last year the grants to necessitous cases amounted to £162 18s. 10d.

The additional donations and the income from invested funds, however, are sufficient to meet this increase, and the Committee look forward to the possibility of being able to afford more substantial assistance in really needy cases, in future, than they have been able to do, owing to limited funds, in the past.

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List of Cases Assisted

	£	s.	d.
C.P.—Unemployed. (Train fare to place where he had an offer of work)	0	3	0
W.T.—Assisted on the way in search of work. (Twice)	0	10	0
C.J.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	2	6
G.W.—Assisted on the way in search of work. (Twice)	0	10	0
F.S.—Unemployed and in poor circumstances. (Grant)	2	0	0
W.W.—Illness due to an old wound. (Grant)	3	0	0
J.R.—Illness of long standing. (Grant)	3	0	0
S.H.—Widow, in poor circumstances. (Grant to pay debts)	3	0	0
L.J.R.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	5	0
A.H.A.—Widow. (Grant for purchase of clothing to enable her to take up domestic employment)	2	0	0
W.J.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	2	10	0
E.S.—Funeral expenses and Grant for purchase of clothing for children	5	14	9
A.S.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant) Also provided with a pair of shoes and a greatcoat.	2	10	0
C.W.—Illness and unemployment. (Grants)	5	0	0
E.M.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant to pay debts)	2	12	3
S.T.—Illness in family. (Grant)	1	10	0
C.W.S.—Crippled as the result of an accident. (Grant for repair of carriage and to pay debts)	3	0	0
C.S.—Illness of stepdaughter. (Grant towards cost of sending her to a Convalescent Home)	1	10	0
J.W.W.—Illness in family. (Grant for provision of nourishing food and clothing)	2	0	0
J.H.G.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant to pay arrears of insurance premiums and to redeem clothing from pawn)	2	13	4

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	£	s.	d.
G.W.F.—Widow, in poor circumstances. (Grant) .	2	0	0
A.B.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rates, food bill, etc.) . .	3	0	0
M.K.—Unemployment. (Grant towards cost of journey from Limerick to London where he had been promised assistance in obtaining work)	3	0	0
J.G.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant) . .	2	0	0
W.N.—Illness of long standing. (Grant) . .	2	0	0
G.W.D.—Sister. (Grant towards payment of funeral expenses)	5	0	0
H.L.—Illness. Crippled as the result of an accident. (Grant)	3	0	0
A.B.—Assisted on the way in search of work . .	0	5	0
S.H.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant) . .	3	0	0
J.H.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rent)	1	4	0
J.T.—Unemployed and in poor circumstances. (Grant for purchase of boots and clothing for children)	1	10	0
G.M.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to redeem medals from pawn, and also given temporary assistance)	1	5	0
F.D.S.—Assisted on the way in search of work .	0	5	0
C.K.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant for the purchase of tools to enable him to resume work as a cabinet-maker) . . .	2	0	0
L.F.—Assisted on the way in search of work . .	0	5	0
T.M.—A 30 per cent disability case out of work with illness in his family. (Grant for the purchase of nourishing food) . .	3	0	0
J.R.—Illness in family and unemployed. (Grant) .	0	10	0
H.W.—Assisted on the way in search of work .	0	5	0
J.K.— Ditto .	0	5	0
W.E.H.—Illness and unemployment. (Grants) .	2	0	0
E.B.—Funeral expenses of mother. (Repayment promised)	6	9	6
J.W.—Illness of wife. (Grant to pay the fee of a specialist and towards the cost of sending her to a Home of Rest) , , ,	4	10	0

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	£	s.	d.
J.A.H.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	5	0
W.E.— Ditto	0	2	6
A.E.— Ditto	0	2	6
E.M.— Ditto	0	2	6
J.A.—Widow. Illness. (Grant to pay Doctor's bill, etc.)	1	15	0
W.J.C.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	2	0	0
P.C.—Temporary assistance given	0	5	0
J.I.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	2	0	0
W.T.—Widow. Illness of child. (Grant to purchase blankets and nourishing food)	3	0	0
H.A.W.—Grant to pay expenses of moving from Nottingham to the Cottage Homes, Mickleover	4	10	0
J.D.—Widow. (Grant towards payment of funeral expenses)	3	0	0
C.R.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	5	0
J.W.—Grant towards cost of passage to Canada. (Refunded by 4th Battalion)	2	10	0
J.T.K.—Illness of long standing. (Grant)	3	0	0
T.H.—Assisted on the way in search of work. (Twice)	0	12	6
T.D.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	10	0
J.O.B.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rent, etc.)	3	0	0
M.R.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rent and purchase clothing)	3	0	0
E.M.—Unemployed. (Grant to purchase a spade to enable him to commence work)	0	5	6
J.M.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant)	2	0	0
A.B.L.—Illness and unable to work. (Grant)	3	0	0
W.T.— Ditto	1	10	0
G.C.—Illness in family and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rent and purchase underclothing). (Refunded by 4th Battalion)	4	0	0
E.F.B.—Daughter of Surgeon-General B., who served as Assistant-Surgeon with the 45th Regiment. In poor circumstances. (Grant)	5	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
J.C.—Illness in family. (Grant towards payment of food bills)	3	0	0
A.S.—Widow, in poor circumstances. (Grant)	3	0	0
J.M.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	5	0
W.P.— Ditto	0	5	0
W.E.— Ditto	0	5	0
J.A.E.— Ditto	0	5	0
P.S.—Temporary assistance given	0	5	0
C.J.B.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rent, and railway fare to and from Convalescent Home)	1	10	0
H.M.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to pay arrears of rent)	2	10	0
T.H.—Illness and unemployment. (Grant to pay debt and arrears of rent and subscriptions to Sick Club)	3	0	0
L.L.—Illness in family. (Grant towards payment of arrears of rent)	3	0	0
H.F.—Widow. Ill and in poor circumstances. (Grant)	4	0	0
E.J.Mc.K.—Illness of wife. No means. (Grant for food and railway fares to Southampton)	2	12	6
J.B.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	5	0
W.M.—Temporary assistance given	0	5	0
F.G.A.—In poor circumstances. (Grant for purchase of clothing and boots)	1	10	0
R.M.B.—Widow. Left in poor circumstances. (Grant to enable her to take in boarders)	5	0	0
W.B.—Brother. (Funeral expenses paid)	6	5	0
W.W.—Assisted on the way in search of work	0	5	0
Total	£173	7	4

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REPORT ON CRICH MEMORIAL

COL. DUMBELL is unable to report that the Executive Committee are yet in a position to hand over the Memorial to the Old Comrades' Association.

Tenders were called for, for the erection of the Caretaker's Cottage; the lowest being about £1000, as this did not include water and light, building on this scale, with the money available, was out of the question.

The Committee decided to build on cheaper lines, and it is hoped to commence work at an early date.

Ground for the site, just below the Tower, has been most generously given by the Butterly Colliery Company. Brigadier G. M. Jackson has also offered most generous help, and it is largely owing to his assistance that the work can be put in hand.

A very generous donation of £500 has been given to the Funds by the Committee who are administering the Funds of the 4th Battalion, so that the credit of the Fund on Current and Deposit Account is a little over £820.

It is thought that the working expenses of the Memorial, for the last fourteen months, may be considered quite satisfactory; over £265 has been taken in entrance fees, which means that over 21,000 persons have paid for admission to the Tower.

The actual credit of the Working Account to the end of September, 1924, is £104 16s. 4d., and there is a stock on hand of post-cards, folding maps, and short Regimental Histories, to the value of about £137.

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REPORT ON REGIMENTAL COTTAGE HOMES

THE invested Funds of the Regimental Cottage Homes at Mickleover have been taken over by the United Service Trustee, the Accounts are kept and the Funds administered by the Officer Commanding the Depot.

The Income is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
£525 London, Midland, and Scottish 4% Pref.	21	0	0
£300 Queensland 3½%	10	10	0
Grant—1st Battalion	10	0	0
2nd Battalion	10	0	0
3rd Battalion	10	0	0
Depot	5	0	0
Total	£66	10	0

Average Expenditure:—

	£	s.	d.
Grants to Occupants (£4 12s. Qr.)	36	16	0
Rates	12	10	0
Coal	15	0	0
Insurance	1	1	3
Total	£65	7	3

This leaves only a very small balance, and it is feared the credit of the Fund is slowly but surely going down.

The new occupant (Mr. H. A. Wilson) is comfortably installed, and is very pleased with his accommodation.

Before the quarters were handed over, new blinds were fitted at a cost of £4 6s. 6d., and the whole of the interior was very well distempered at a cost of £2.

The Association owe Mr. Hallam special thanks in connection with this latter item, as he volunteered to do the work himself and saved us the cost of all labour.

A Statement of the Accounts for the past year is attached.

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL AT CRICH

In accordance with the resolution passed at the General Meeting held at Nottingham on the 20th October, 1923, the members of the Association carried out the first Annual Pilgrimage to the Regimental Memorial at Crich on the 4th August—Bank Holiday—the anniversary of the opening of the Tower by Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment.

Contingents of members attended from the Ripley, Bulwell, Nottingham, Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Long Eaton Districts, and together with members from other Districts in the two counties and visitors to the town, made up quite a large congregation for the ceremony, which commenced at 3.30 p.m.

Lt.-Col. C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., Commanding the Depot, welcomed the members in a short speech, in which he also conveyed messages from the Colonel of the Regiment and other senior Officers regretting their inability to attend. He also announced the presence of Pte. John Leivers, a veteran, eighty-one years of age, who joined the 45th Regiment in 1861 and took part in the Abyssinian Campaign.

The service, conducted by the Rev. R. Price, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles, Normanton, and Honorary Chaplain to the Depot, was very impressive, and the large congregation joined in with reverence and sincerity.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn:	"O God, our help in ages past."
Lesson:	"Isaiah xxv."
Collect:	"O Merciful God."
	"O Eternal Lord God."
Prayer:	"Our Father."
	"The Last Post."
	"Two minutes' silence."
	"The Reveille."
	"The Blessing."
	"The National Anthem."

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Laying of Wreaths at the foot of the Memorial

The wreath from the Old Comrades' Association was laid by Pte. John Leivers, the oldest Forester present, then in order, those of the Depot by Lt.-Col. C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O.; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Battalions by representatives of those Battalions; and the Bulwell, Ripley, Long Eaton, and Sutton-in-Ashfield Branches of the Association. Other floral tributes were laid by relatives of men of the Regiment who made the Supreme Sacrifice during the Great War.

As a first endeavour to carry out the wishes of the members of the Association, the first Pilgrimage was quite a success, and in future years will perhaps become as popular as the Annual Dinner.

The thanks of the Association are due to the President, Bandmaster, and members of the Crich Silver Band, who very kindly provided the music for the ceremony, and afterwards played a programme which was greatly appreciated.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER

THE Annual Dinner was held in the Assembly Rooms, Derby, on Saturday, 18th October, 1924. The actual number present was 241, a record attendance for Derby.

Gen. Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment and President of the Association, presided, and was supported by Brig.-Gen. J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., Col. G. D. Goodman, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., Lt.-Cols. J. E. Blackwall, D.S.O., C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., W. R. Rook, O.B.E., T.D. (Comdg. 7th Battn.), F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C., and K. C. Weldon, D.S.O. (Comdg. 1st Battn.); Majors P. F. R. Anley, H. Bradwell, T.D., E. N. T. Collin, C. S. Crofton, F. M. Dick, M.C., C. E. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., M. McGuire, O.B.E., J. N. Meares, A. Wilson Shea, D.S.O., and F. H. Tyler; Capts. B. G. Allen, L. C. Brewill, F. Brindley, M.C., L. H. Cooper, J. H. M. Douglas, M.C., J. Farnsworth, L. H. Finch, L. W. Keith, J. N. Knight, F. W. Langley, J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C., R. O. Nevitt, E. A. Pollard, E. Skinner, A. Troops, M.C., S. G. Walker, and T. M.

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Willcox; Lieuts. L. Jacques, M.C., J. K. L. Roberts, P. N. White, and C. R. T. Wilmot.

Amongst the Old Comrades present were Ptes. J. Leivers and E. Armstrong, who served with the 45th Regiment in the Abyssinian Campaign; and Sergt. R. Gray and Colr.-Sergt. J. E. Hunt, veterans of the Egyptian Campaign, 1882.

After the loyal toast, the General, in submitting the toast of the "Old Comrades' Association," said that he imagined their meeting was rather an unique one, as there were not many going on in the old country which were not of a political nature. Luckily they were outside politics, and all they wanted was a thoroughly sound and stable Government—one which would do its best to maintain the Great Empire which our soldiers had fought for, won, and kept—a Government which would see that unemployment was diminished, and a Government which would look after the splendid fellows who fought in the Great War and saved the country. He hoped that he would not be accused of having made a political speech, as he had merely outlined the sort of Government they would like to see established.

Referring to the business meeting held during the afternoon the General said that he was glad to find the Association in such a flourishing condition under the able management of Col. Tomlinson and Major McGuire. There had been a steady increase in the membership, about 250 Old Comrades, including 29 Officers, having joined during the past year. The amount of good done by the Association was incalculable. The Funds were in a sound position, and he saw no reason why they should not expend the whole of their income.

He was pleased to welcome Officers of the Territorial Force, who were attending the Dinner in larger numbers. This was all for the good of the Association, as they were in touch with the men of the two counties.

Regarding the 1st and 2nd Battalions, he had no news; but "no news was good news." As "an old and out-of-date General" (laughter) he appreciated the privilege of Colonels of Regiments being allowed to visit their Regiments in uniform, and to try and do something for them. Recently he had the honour of marching past at the head of the 1st Battalion at a review held by His Majesty the King.

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The General alluded to the great work of the *History of the 1st and 2nd Battalions during the Great War*, compiled by Col. H. C. Wylly, which had now been published. It was decided to send him the following telegram in appreciation of the appearance of the graphic history and greetings from Old Comrades :—

" Recognizing how much we owe you for your unselfish and continuous work for your beloved old Corps, we thank you for your latest effort and congratulate you on the completion of your graphic history. Affectionate greetings and sincere regrets at your absence."

Receipt was acknowledged by Colonel Wylly in the following message : " Deeply touched by last night's most kind message from Old Comrades," and he wishes his old friends to know how tremendously he appreciates their kind thought of him.

The General announced that Col. Goodman, Chairman of the Regimental Memorial Committee, had informed him that the Committee had arranged for the supply of tablet replicas of the Crich Memorial Tower, and he hoped that every town and village in the two counties would have one.

The following telegrams received during the evening were read out by the Chairman :—

" Second Battalion send greetings to all old Foresters and wishes for a happy evening."

Col. Wylly : " Best wishes to Old Comrades."

Lt.-Col. Green : " Best wishes for a happy evening."

Major Hume : " Regret cannot be with you. Wish you all a jolly evening."

Q.M.Sergt. F. Davis : " Best wishes for a happy Reunion to all Old Comrades."

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WHERE ARE THE BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE?

I WISH to thank some of our Old Comrades who have assisted me to obtain the particulars quoted below.

I should be glad to hear from any Old Comrades who are aware of the location of any that I have missed this year. As I have no records at Normanton Barracks, I have to depend on outside sources for locating members.

T. P. THOMPSON,
O.R.Q.M.Sergt.

Very few changes have occurred in the Depot Staff as far as the Senior Ranks are concerned. The following have joined the Depot for duty since the last list :—

C.S.M. McCormick, J. .	From 1st Battn. *vice* C.S.M. Howarth, D.C.M., to pension.
Sgt. Wright, S. H. .	From 2nd Battn.
Sgt. Sutton, J. . .	Ditto.
Sgt. Townsend, G. W. .	From 1st Battn.
Sgt. Oakes, G. W. (M.M.) .	Ditto.

The following have left the Depot for various reasons :—

Sgt. Forrester, C. .	Posted to P.S., 5th Battn., Derby.
Sgt. Rose, W. H. .	To 1st Battn. with a view to promotion to next higher rank.
Sgt. Drury, J. . .	To 1st Battn. on promotion.
C.S.M. Howarth, W. D. (D.C.M.) .	To pension after 22 years' service. Now living in Derby and employed with Messrs. Rolls, Royce & Coy., Ltd., in the Experimental Dept.

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R.Q.M.S. Cranage, J. . .	To pension after 21 years' service. Living in Plymouth and has a good business there.
Sgt. Stoton, F. . . .	To 1st Battn.

The undermentioned are under orders to join the Depot Staff :—

O.R.Q.M.S. Dady, C. H. (D.C.M.) .	2nd Battn. on appointment of R.Q.M.S. *vice* Cranage to pension.
Sgt. Parker, H. . . .	2nd Battn. to absorb vacancy of Sgt. T. H. Grant to 1st Battn.

The following Old Comrades have answered the Last Call during the year :—

Cr.-Sgt. Tanzey, D. . .	Died at Heanor of acute bronchitis, 14.3.24. Buried with full Military Honours at Leabrookes, 18.3.24.
Captain Lynch, W. . .	An ex-Quartermaster of the Regt. Died at Derby on 13.3.24, aged 84. Buried at Nottingham Road Cemetery on St. Patrick's Day, 1924, with full Military Honours. The band of the 5th Battn. headed the Funeral Procession, and a Firing Party of the Depot under Lieut. P. N. White attended.

The following Old Comrades have been located :—

ex-C.S.M. Farley, J. . .	To pension and employed as Civilian O.R.C. to the 8th Battn., Newark.
ex-Sgt. Knight, W. . .	Employed as Paid Pensioner Recruiter under Major M. McGuire, Nottingham.
ex-C.S.M. Marshall, W. H. .	Well known as a P.S. Instructor, 5th Battn. Now employed as Paid Pensioner Recruiter under Major M. McGuire at Mansfield.
ex-C.Q.M.S. Crowson, W. .	Employed as Paid Pensioner Recruiter under Major M. McGuire at Worksop.
ex-Bd.-Mtr. Rees, W. . .	Late Bandmaster, 2nd Battn. Now living in Dorset.
ex-C.S.M. Bennet, A. . .	Late 2nd Battn. To pension and now employed in Battalion Stores of 6th Battn., Chesterfield.
ex-C.S.M. Underwood, H. (D.C.M., M.M.) .	Late 2nd Battn. To pension and living in Derby.
ex-Pte. Armstrong, E. .	An old soldier of the Regt. Age 82. Went through the Abyssinian Campaign, 1867, and has the Medal for that campaign. Now lives at Eton Street, Derby.

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ex-Pte. Leivers, J. . .	A very old soldier of the Regt. Born Nov. 24th, 1843. Enlisted on 25th Sept., 1860, in the 34th Cumberland Heroes. Was transferred to the 45th Foot in 1861. Drafted to India, 1864, and went through the Abyssinian Campaign, 1867. Medal for that campaign. Afterwards served in India and Burmah. Discharged in 1879 with a pension 10d. per diem. Now residing in Long Eaton. Attended the 1st Annual Pilgrimage at Crich on August Bank Holiday, 1924, and had the honour of placing the Wreath of the O.C.A. at the foot of the Memorial.
ex-Pte. Bird, Owen . .	No. 853. Enlisted 1885. Served in 1st and 2nd Battns. Came up during the Great War. Now School Instr. of a school in Swansea.
ex-R.S.M. Sephton, J. (M.C.)	Well known in 1st Battn. Was R.S.M. of 2nd Battn. in 1917. Now living at The Grove, Hawkesbury, Coventry.
ex-Pte. Houlihan, M. . . (*alias* Nolan)	No. 2020. Served in 2nd Battn. Has the Egyptian Medal and Khedive's Star. Now living in Woolwich and employed at the Arsenal.

Some War-time Comrades :—

Lieut.-Col. D. Mitchell (C.M.G., D.S.O.)	Commanded 1st Battn. in last year of the War. Lives now at Stocksfield.
Capt. A. H. Giles . . (D.S.O., M.C.)	Served with 2nd Battn. Now to be heard of at 206, Ulster Chambers, Regent Street, London, W.1.
Capt. V. W. B. Vivian . .	Served with 2nd Battn. and later on the Divisional Staff. To be met with at the R.U.S.I., Whitehall.
Lieut. G. A. Hancock . .	Served with the 1st Battn. Now at 12, Plumptre Street, Nottingham.
Ptes. H. A. Bratby and G. Curzon .	The first was in the 1st Battn. and was wounded on the 9th May, 1915 ; the second served in the 2nd Battn. —having previously been in the 8th —from June, 1917, to August, 1918, and was wounded at Essars Wood, 28th August, 1918. Both were for some time in the Queen's Hospital, Frognal, Sidcup, for facial injuries, but Pte. Bratby was discharged 8.12.24.

The Editor will be glad to add news of other War-time Comrades.

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Obituary

ON the 20th March, 1924, Lt.-Col. Ludovic Seymour Gordon-Cumming of our Regiment died in a London nursing home to the very deep regret of all his old comrades. He had been ill but a comparatively short time—barely a month—so that many of his friends were unaware of the serious nature of his illness or, indeed, that he was in any way out of health, and consequently not many of his brother officers were able to visit him at the end or to pay their last respects to one of the best and cheeriest of comrades. His funeral was, however, attended by Brig.-Gens. Roy and Leveson-Gower; Cols. Heath, Keller, Impey and Wylly; and by Captain Tower as representing the Regiment.

Col. Gordon-Cumming was gazetted to the Regiment from the Royal Military College in October, 1881; became captain in February, 1889; and major in February, 1900. His first years were passed with the 1st Battalion at home, but later he joined the 2nd Battalion in Lucknow, and served with it there and at Umballa. In April, 1896, he became adjutant of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Warwick Regiment, and on the expiration of his five years in this appointment he joined the 1st Battalion again at Rustenburg in South Africa, accompanying the Battalion to Hong Kong, and holding for some time the command of the Wing in North China. In 1908 he retired from the Service and was appointed to the command of the 3rd Battalion of our Regiment, and had given up the command some twelve months when the Great War broke out, and he was appointed commandant of Prisoners of War Camps in different parts of the country.

In old days in India dear old "Gommy" was a tower of strength to the 2nd Battalion theatrical troupe; he could

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sing a good song and was the best of good company, exercising a wit that was wholly free from malice, and always delighting to talk over old times and to recall vanished scenes and the faces and traits of departed comrades of all ranks.

The Regiment he loved so well can ill spare good fellows like Gordon-Cumming, and he will be greatly missed wherever any of the Corps foregather.

Lt.-Col. Charles Danby Christopher died at the Grosvenor Hotel, London, on the 13th June, 1924. He obtained his first commission in the Regiment in 1892, transferring a few years later to the Army Service Corps. He served throughout the South African War, being present at the Relief of Kimberley, and at Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, Diamond Hill, Colesberg, and other actions; was mentioned in despatches and received the Queen's medal with seven clasps. At the very commencement of the Great War he was badly wounded and captured, remaining a prisoner until the Armistice. Later he was for a time in command of the Royal Army Service Corps, London District, and retired in 1920.

He latterly lived at Aldeburgh, and when in England rarely missed attendance at the Annual Dinner of his old Regiment.

The following appeared in the *Times* of the 25th October, 1924: "On the 23rd October, at Penicuik, Midlothian, Mary Jane Gregor, only daughter of the late Lt.-Col. J. G. Champion, C.B., 95th Foot, aged 82."

Lt.-Col. Champion died in hospital at Scutari on the 30th November, 1854, of wounds received at Inkerman when commanding the 95th. Curiously enough, there is no mention in any regimental record, nor even in a little memorial published by the family of the deceased, of the award of the C.B., nor can such be traced in the *London Gazette* of that year, wherein he was gazetted lt.-colonel a few days after his death. It would be interesting to learn if there was any posthumous award of the Order of the Bath.

There are not many of us left who served in the 95th with the late Capt. W. Lynch, who died at Derby on the 13th

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March, for indeed it is now thirty-five years since he left that Regiment. The writer of this very brief obituary notice joined the 95th at the Royal Barracks, Dublin, where Capt. Lynch was sergeant-major, and did all his recruit's drill under his eye. When Quartermaster Reid left to become Quartermaster of the 1st Derby Militia, Lynch, who had then 18 years and 356 days' service, was promoted quartermaster in his place, under date of the 1st May, 1878, and remained with the Regiment only a little over a year, being transferred in the same capacity to the 2nd Derby Militia, later our 3rd Battn., on the 30th July, 1879; he was promoted hon. capt. 1st May, 1888, and retired on the 9th May, 1896. "Paddy" Lynch was one of the best, and those of that dwindling band who enjoyed his ministrations on the barrack square in the "Roaring Seventies" owe him much.

Brig.-Gen. William Bodle, C.M.G., who died at Alfriston, Sussex, on Wednesday, July 9th, not long after his sixty-ninth birthday, had seen much service, especially in South Africa.

Born at Alfriston, Sussex, on July 5th, 1855, he enlisted at the age of seventeen in the Sherwood Foresters, and thenceforward his whole life was spent in military pioneering. In the Basuto War he was a non-commissioned officer in charge of signalling under Col. Carrington, and later under the same officer took part in the Warren Expedition into Bechuanaland in 1884. On the formation of the Bechuanaland Border Police he was promoted to regimental sergeant-major, and accompanied Sir Sidney Shippard and Capt. (afterwards Sir Hamilton) Goold-Adams on the former's official visit to Lobengula in 1888. In 1890, on the organization of the Pioneer Column for the occupation of Mashonaland, Bodle was specially selected by Mr. Cecil Rhodes as regimental sergeant-major of the British South Africa Company's Police Force under Col. Pennefather, which accompanied the pioneers on their historic march. In 1893 he was a lieutenant in the Column of Volunteers under Jameson which successfully occupied Matabeleland, and after the settlement he was engaged in the formation of the British South Africa Company's new Police Force.

In 1895 he was one of those who accompanied Jameson on

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the ill-fated incursion into the Transvaal, and he served, with the rank of captain, in the Matabeleland Relief Force raised by Col. Plumer on the outbreak of the 1896 Rebellion. Afterwards he resumed duty with the Company's Police Force with the rank of major, and when the first indications that war with the Transvaal burghers was imminent, he was sent in charge of a squadron of Rhodesian Police to reconnoitre and patrol the Transvaal border. On the outbreakof hostilities in October, 1899, this was actually the first detachment of British troops to enter the Transvaal. They were recalled to take part in the operations under Plumer for clearing the Northern Protectorate, and Major Bodle commanded the advance guard of Plumer's force which relieved Mafeking on May 17th, 1900. He was mentioned in despatches and decorated with the C.M.G. After the peace he resumed duty with the British South Africa Company's Police, and rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in command in 1903, a position which he held until 1909, when he retired on pension, to the great regret of all who had served under him, and was given the honorary rank of colonel.

During the years immediately preceding the Great War he was active in the organization of the City of London National Reserve, a force which contributed many gallant officers on the outbreak of the War. Bodle himself was given the command of the Norfolk and Suffolk Territorial Brigade, afterwards the 208th Infantry Brigade. His efforts to reach the Front were rejected on account of his age—he was then sixty—but eventually, in response to repeated applications, he was transferred to the command of a Labour Battalion in France in 1916, retiring with the rank of brigadier-general in 1917.

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